



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 843, Golden Colorado, 80403

### Meeting Minutes

(DRAFT)

January 25, 2024 7:00 PM

Board Meeting

#### **IN PERSON:**

Golden Gate Grange  
25201 Golden Gate Canyon Rd.  
Golden CO 80403

#### **Recorded Session:**

- **Board Members Present**

- President Deb Curlee
- Vice President Niffy Ovuworie
- Secretary Marith Reheis
- Member Dave Primmer
- Member Steve Green

- **Meeting Called to Order**

- 7:00 PM MST

- **Conflict of Interest Affirmations**

- None acknowledged; however, Curlee raised issue of Primmer having interest in proposed impact fee due to potential future subdivision of wife's property

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- January 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Passes
  - Green requested removal name from suggestion that CWPP can be done in-house; approved
  - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
  - Nay (Dave Primmer, Steve Green)

- **Chief's Report** – (see report posted on website for details)

- Important note: board meetings are now being broadcast live on Zoom and YouTube, and immediately available for future viewing on YouTube under Golden Gate Fire Protection District
- Annual report on state of the district will be issued in February and mailed to all residents
- Terri Costeldia reports that district certification of Firewise has been denied due to outdated Community Wildfire Protection Plan; requesting an extension

- **Public Comment** (concerning adoption of impact fee report)

- 14 community members present, at least 3 others online
- 8 community members commented or asked questions regarding implementation of impact fee, summarized as follows:
  - An impact fee is a tax, and its adoption should be put to district-wide vote. If a new "tax" is enacted then there will be less construction.
  - An impact fee isn't needed, because new construction increases property values that generate additional tax income.

- Implementation: Should small additions to an existing residence be required to pay an impact fee? Why wouldn't a free-standing accessory dwelling unit be required to pay a fee? Proposed fee in the report is a maximum limit, how would actual amount of fee be determined?
- What are the next steps to be taken in this process, assuming the study is adopted?

- **Motions**

- Motion that Chief Benson will draft a thank-you letter, to be signed by the Board, to Jeffco Sheriff Dept., Golden Police, Golden Fire, and CO State Patrol for their donations of radios and equipment and their support. Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
  - Vote is unanimous
- Motion to proceed with demolition and remodel of Station 81. Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee -- **Passes**
  - Aye (Niffy Ovuworie, Deb Curlee, Marith Reheis)
  - Nay (Steve Green, Dave Primmer)
  - Green objects to lack of detailed breakdown of costs; Chief notes that all costs will be accounted for and any item costing above \$5000 will be put out for bids
- Motion to table discussion of impact fee report and end public comment. Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes**
  - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis, Dave Primmer)
  - Abstain (Steve Green)

- **Adjourn**

- Motion to move all business items to February agenda and to adjourn by Ovuworie, second by Primmer -- **Passes**
- Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis, Dave Primmer)
- Abstain (Steve Green)

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