



DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**December 6, 2023
7:00 PM**

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Present: Mike Wilson, Weldon Bradstreet, Shirley Dean, Robert Kinosian, Greg Murphy
Harrison Raine, Theo Gordon

Absent: Todd Darling, Andy Katz. *(LOA)*

Staff: David Sprague, Keith May, Leah Greenbaum, Jenny Wong (Auditor's Office), Pauline
Miller (Auditor's Office), Caitlin Palmer (Auditor's Office)

Public: 4 attendees

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Approval of the Agenda

Discussion Item 8 moved to follow Item 2.

Agenda approved as amended by Acclamation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

3 public speakers.

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Fire Department Staff Report*

Consent Items

3. Minutes of October 25, 2023*
From: Commission Secretary
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the October 25, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion to approve: S. Dean

Second: W. Bradstreet

Vote: 6 Ayes: M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. H. Raine 0 Noes; 2 Absent: T. Darling, A. Katz; 1 Abstain: T. Gordon

Action Items

4. Approve 2024 Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Meeting Schedule (Staff)*
Dean requests amendment to change proposed April meeting to April 10, 2024.

Motion to approve: S. Dean

Second: W. Bradstreet

Vote: 6 Ayes: M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. H. Raine, T. Gordon 0 Noes; 2 Absent: T. Darling, A. Katz. 0 Abstain.

5. Provide recommendation to Council regarding separation of mixed-use pedestrian and e-bike pathways (Dean)*

Motion to approve with an amendment: S. Dean

Amendment adds this sentence to the first paragraph of Dean's recommendation: "That the discussion will define the role of the Fire Department to improve traffic safety for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the entire City and include a review of Vision Zero" in place of this sentence "That the discussion will define the impacts that these new bike lanes will have on the day to day safety for both bike riders and pedestrians and on the evacuation of residents during a major catastrophic event."

Second: M. Wilson

Vote: 4 Ayes: R. Kinosian, G. Murphy, S. Dean, M. Wilson. 3 Noes: H. Raine, T. Gordon, W. Bradstreet; 2 Absent: T. Darling, A. Katz. 0 Abstain.

1 public comment

6. Request to merge action and discussion calendars under the title "Items for Discussion and Possible Action" (Dean)*

Motion to approve with an amendment: Dean

Amendment adds this sentence to Dean's recommendation: "Items will be written in compliance with the Commissioner's Handbook" and eliminates these sentences: "We were told that this is done by other commissions. I checked recent agendas of the Planning Commission and confirmed this. The Planning Commission agenda states the following: AGENDA ITEMS: All agenda items are for discussion and possible action. Public Hearing items require hearing prior to Commission action."

Second: Murphy

Vote: 6 Ayes: M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. H. Raine, T. Gordon 0 Noes; 2 Absent: T. Darling, A. Katz. 0 Abstain.

2 public comments

Commission votes to extend meeting time at 9:10pm

7. Send a Report to City Council Recommending Using Measure FF Funds To Support A Once-Time Clearing Of Eucalyptus Understory For Participating Properties (Raine)*

*Raine proposes an amendment to the "Current Situation and its Effects": The amendment revises this language: The understory clean up would consist of fuels management that may vary within a 100-foot perimeter around a structure as determined by the inspecting fire department personnel, with more intense fuel reduction being used between within five feet of a structure; and remove portions of trees which extend within 10 feet of the outlet of a chimney or stovepipe; and **beyond 100 feet of structures, to include** maintaining the trunks of trees so that they are free of hanging bark and debris to a height of at least eight (8) feet; limbing trees and shrubs by removing branches that are within eight feet (8 ft.) of the ground, or four times the height of the understory vegetation, whichever is greater; **removing subordinate trees, removing eucalyptus saplings and sprouts with diameters of less than 8 inches, and removing all flammable ground fuel.***

Motion to approve as amended: Bradstreet

Second: Murphy

Vote: 6 Ayes: M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. H. Raine, T. Gordon 0 Noes; 2 Absent: T. Darling, A. Katz. 0 Abstain.

1 public comment

Discussion Items

8. Measure FF Audit Update (Staff)*

*This item was moved on the agenda to follow item 2.
1 public comment*

9. New Commissioner Work Plan (Bradstreet)*

- ~~10. Clarification of Recently Approved Ordinance on ADUs and JADUs (Dean)*~~

~~*Dean removed from future agenda*~~

11. Discussion on biolabs and other large facilities, hazardous materials contained therein, and potential emergency response impacts and challenges (Dean)

Item was not discussed.

- ~~12. Impact of Increased Density Due to New Developments on Shattuck/Adeline (Darling)~~

~~*Item was not discussed.*~~

Work Group Reports

- Plan & Budget Oversight
- Home Hardening
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Safe Passages
- Community Outreach

Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

- Item requesting the Commission Secretary document amendments to minutes in the minutes (Dean)
- New Commissioner Work Plan Participation (Bradstreet)*
- Send a Commendation Letter to Chief Sprague for the Master Facilities Plan (Dean)
- Discussion on biolabs and other large facilities, hazardous materials contained therein, and potential emergency response impacts and challenges (Dean)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: W. Bradstreet

Second: G. Murphy

Vote: 6 Ayes: M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. H. Raine, T. Gordon 0 Noes; 2 Absent: T. Darling, A. Katz. 0 Abstain.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

Keith May

1/24/2024