



Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes Combined with Loveland Rural District Board

Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

**Fire Administration Building (FAB)
Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 2nd Floor
410 E. 5th St., Loveland, CO 80537**

Meeting called to order at 5:41 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Paul Pfeiffer, David (Dave) Adams, William (Willy) Tillman, Eugene (Gene) Culbertson, Bob Boggio, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski and guests (applying member) Bob Gesumaria and (applying member) Elton Bingham.

FRAC Absent: Mayor Cecil Gutierrez and Leroy (Andy) Anderson Rural Board Member and liaison to FRAC

- ❖ Chair Jon Smela talked about meals being served at the FRAC meetings and if the group would consider changing that to light snacks and water instead of a regular meal. He asked for feedback as to the option of starting the meetings at 6:00 p.m. and some members voiced that meeting earlier would be better. A holiday dinner would be an option to recognize the year and the board's achievements. Everyone was in agreement to end having a meal served and have a light snack instead.

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela.

Gene asked that a correction be made to the December minutes referencing a comment he made at the last meeting. His corrected comment for the record states that he highlighted two examples of progress in collaboration with LFRA from research and emphasized the value of critical thinking analysis in its brainstorming efforts. This was correction was added to the December minutes.

Jon moved to approve the December 11th, 2013 minutes; Bob Boggio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: Presented by Fire Chief Mirowski.

- ❖ Introduced LFRA Administrative Technician, Bonnie Wright and two FRAC board candidates, Bob Gesumaria and Elton Bingham.
- ❖ All of the necessities have been accomplished to get Fire Station Two approved to pay the bills. There is one more vote and that will be next Tuesday night, January 21st. That's the last part for Station Two.

- ❖ The groundbreaking ceremony was today. In approximately 270 days we will have a new fire station built.
- ❖ Council has talked about the city moving towards a new budgeting process called priority based budgeting which would involve more council and citizen input.
- ❖ Jon Smela mentioned that John Hartman sent out an e-mail about getting two volunteers to attend a meeting on Feb. 19th at 6:00 p.m. Dave Adams said he might be able to do it, but has to check his calendar. Elton Bingham also volunteered.

Rural District Board Updates: presented by Fire Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ The two biggest things we are being face with right now are the new station on Storm Mountain and a station in Cedar Cove that was damaged by the flood. There is a possibility of replacing the Cedar Cove station and leasing a garage for a Type 6 engine.
- ❖ The new station on Storm Mountain is under construction.
- ❖ There is a radio tower being planned to put on Storm Mountain- goal improved radio communications for the area.
- ❖ Bob Boggio mentioned insurance costs.

Chief Updates: presented by Fire Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ Paul asked, did the extra bay get approved for Station Two and the Chief stated it did get approved. The Chief stated the operative for the station's construction was: Practical, Effective and Long-Lasting with no Opulence. Gene asked what was meant by "opulence?" The Chief stated that implied no unnecessary spending and utilizing more practical and less expensive features and equipment: (i.e., high end residential appliances rather than commercial grade appliances).
- ❖ For "Art in Public Places"- there will be a bronze statue and a sitting area at the new station located on the 29th street, north side of the building.

Recap 2013: Jon Smela

- ❖ It was a year of rebuilding after a large turnover on the board
- ❖ The board came up with an aggressive plan for 2013
- ❖ We had plans to build a good relationship with the police advisory board but other priorities limited that engagement
- ❖ The Public Safety Summit and a year's plan for the board
- ❖ In March they sat down and reviewed the vision tour and set some of the vision for the department. The Four Pillars presentation can be viewed online for those who would like to see it.
- ❖ In April – first annual report was presented by Public Safety Administration Director Renee Wheeler. This provided feedback on the content and the three tier system and how that was working. Three tiers are: full time, part time and volunteer firefighters and how the department is structured.
- ❖ In May – Greg White did a rural fire district overview, sharing about history and present and past needs for rural fire protection.
- ❖ In June – tackled outreach mechanisms and got exposed to a discussion of residents with fire sprinklers as part of the official code for the city.
- ❖ In Aug – focused on 2014 budget review and leading into next steps with city council and Paul did a presentation on sprinkler systems.

- ❖ Sept – We held a joint meeting with the Construction Advisory Board regarding code related items; the base presentation was put together regarding residential fire sprinkler systems and that was taken to city council.
- ❖ Oct – reviewed what happened during the flood with the city and the fire department and the next steps of residential fire sprinkler initiative. FRAC would have a role in community education.
- ❖ Nov – Paul presented how the sprinkler systems are constructed. The stakeholders are working towards a fire sprinkler code.
- ❖ Dec – Appeals process review with Assistant City Attorney Tree Ablao. Bob presented some materials he had been reviewing and those types of reports until they hear from the steering committee. Chief said public safety summit working with our colleagues and EMS. The September flood caused all of this to get put on hold.

Summit Preparation: presented by Chair Jon Smela

- ❖ Every spring we do boards and commission summit. This year it will be at the Best Western Conference Center here in Loveland on Thursday, February 27th from 5-9 p.m.
- ❖ Last year we were one of the groups that presented our accomplishments and the Chief showed our blue card video. This year there will be more participation and hearing from other boards.
- ❖ Jon will make a draft of our accomplishments and send it out to the group for feedback.
- ❖ Only a certain number of members from each group can attend. The invitation is setup for two members. Bob Boggio voiced some interest in attending.

Update on Appeals Hearing for the Lincoln Hotel Apartments: presented by Chair Jon Smela

- ❖ The initial meeting got moved from the first of the year to a later date due to a misunderstanding of what the timeframe was for the number of days for notification.
- ❖ A Notice of Public Hearing will be e-mailed to the group tomorrow. The meeting is scheduled for February 12th at 5:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled FRAC meeting.
- ❖ Chief Mirowski will contact Assistant City Attorney Tree Ablao about when we would be receiving the packet of information.
- ❖ Paul mentioned there might be a conflict of interest on his part with the hearing because his son is a tenant living in that building.
- ❖ Jon mentioned to the group to read the packet for any other conflicts of interest.

Update on Residential Fire Sprinklers and Other Information:

- ❖ Chief Mirowski filled in for Chief Sparks who was unable to attend. The fire department recently received some complaints from the school district about overcrowding and some other issues. We are making sure that the occupant load is maintained and if there are too many people, they are moved into the overflow rooms. The bottom line is the safety of the citizens.
- ❖ The Residential Fire Sprinkler Steering Committee Meeting is set for January 27th at 6:00 p.m. Chief Mirowski is excited about it and Chief Sparks is going to be in charge of the meeting. They will be establishing a chair for that committee. Chief Mirowski is looking forward to it and feels there should be some good discussion.
- ❖ Material review for the group to look at for public education. Willy discussed some materials he watched and stated there is a lot of repetition. He suggested a DVD for the Steering Committee.
- ❖ The group is anxious to find out about what is going on in Golden, CO. related to residential fire sprinklers.
- ❖ Dave asked about bringing a subject matter expert in for residential fire sprinklers: Jon does not feel we are ready for that yet. We need to meet with the Steering Committee first.
- ❖ Seeing where the Steering Committee is going and what they need to do as a facilitation group to a working group and being productive.
- ❖ Gene asked if there was an insurance representative on the list. Chief Mirowski is not sure if there is anyone from the insurance sector; Jon did not see any on the list. Chief Mirowski said it could be added later. We do have insurance representatives on the rural district board.
- ❖ Dave proposed inviting the gentleman he met in Keystone to be there at the meeting to hear what the thoughts are from these divergent groups and what his recommendations and suggestions are. His name is Eric Gleason with NFSA out of Denver. Jon suggested that as the Chief is organizing that committee to consider using or consulting this guy for consultation. Jon feels this falls to the Chief as he is organizing this committee and getting it established. Dave is going to give Gene Eric's contact information.

- ❖ Paul will be reviewing the DVD on water supplies but it probably won't pertain to the first meeting.

- ❖ Jon notes a tale of three cities: it is mapped very well to what the Chief Mirowski and his staff are doing. The different tiers and how one might approach instituting code and all the things that come with it and looking at cost burden of instituting this process.

- ❖ Chief Mirowski stated that the burden of selection of program does not rest with us but the creation of multiple options that go before council and let the elected officials select what option(s) they think would work best for the City of Loveland. We create an option for the council to consider this is what this

plans looks like and how it impacts that. Recommendations can be made and what council will determine what policy they will pursue.

- ❖ Jon stated that outsourcing to a third party is another option.

Bob Gesumaria suggested policy review over the next 50 to 100 years for a long term modifying plan for the city's water distribution system.

Jon stated that Bob Boggio has a large document he can share with Bob G. regarding this type of data and information.

Establishing Officers – Paul and Bob Boggio nominated Jon for another term as FRAC Board Chair. He accepted the position of chair for another term.

Public Comment/Presentation: No public comment.

New Membership Orientation:

- ❖ Elton, Bob and the board members gave some background information on themselves and their interests.
- ❖ Gene mentioned that he will not be attending the February FRAC meeting and apologizes that he will be missing the appeals process.
- ❖ Dave asked about station two's property status. Chief Mirowski stated that they are waiting on getting documents back for appraisals and boundary lines; there seems to be conflicting info with the county's information. At this time, the deal they have worked out with Thompson Valley EMS is holding to be true.
- ❖ Dave asked about shooting off fireworks and Chief Mirowski stated that the city has been contracting that service out for several years.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, February 12th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bonnie Wright, Administrative Technician, LFRA.

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