



Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 12, 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 5:30 p.m.

FRAC Members Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Mayor Cecil Guterrez, Paul Pfeiffer, David (Dave) Adams, William (Willy) Tillman, Eugene (Gene) Culbertson, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Elton Bingham, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Division Chief Greg Ward and Bonnie Wright.

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela.

Gene asked that two items to be included in the February minutes.

On page 5 of 8, the first item was referring to a comment made by Deputy Fire Marshal Dann regarding a question from Mr. Salwei which is listed below. "**Not**" needed to be added to the statement; this was also verified on the tape transcription. On page 4 of 8, the second item was to mention from Chief Mirowski's presentation the part about collateral damage in the event that a fire should break out.

1. *Mr. Salwei asked about armed smoke and heat detectors in the basement make it safer. Deputy Fire Marshal Dann responded it probably does make it safer but does **not** render the basement compliant with specific code requirements.*
2. *Earlier during his presentation, Chief Mirowski mentioned that if there is a fire in the Lincoln Hotel Apartments and if we are unable to bring it under control in room and contents quickly, and it gets into the structure itself, it is likely we could lose the building. If we lose that building we will try and stop it at Henry's. If the fire can't be stopped at Henry's, we may very well lose the Rialto Theater.*

Jon moved to approve the February 12th, 2014 minutes; All who were in favor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: Presented by Mayor Cecil Guterrez.

- ❖ Priority Based Budgeting is moving forward. Next Tuesday night it will be going before City Council to approve the seven pillars.

- ❖ Dave Adams and Elton Bingham were part of the P.B.B. meeting on February 19th.
- ❖ There is an open portal on the cities website to make public comments. He feels that citizen approval/input will be very important to City Council.
- ❖ Chair Smela mentioned that it is hard to find the site on the cities webpage.
- ❖ The Mayor said he will give feedback to his folks about it being hard to access the site.
- ❖ The Mayor mentioned that Chair Smela and Co-chair Boggio attended the Boards and Commissions Summit on February 27th and thanked them for representing FRAC.
- ❖ Elton commented that the P.B.B. meeting was an evening of his time well spent. They created a priority list and then prioritized those items from there. They also reviewed the seven pillars.
- ❖ There is concern that they are not reaching a certain demographic.
- ❖ Dave thought the prologue was way too long and would have liked more time to work on the process.
- ❖ He also commented about if one person's needs meeting the needs of others.
- ❖ Jon gave feedback about a previous experience he had with a Sustainability Process that it sounded very similar to what Dave was saying.
- ❖ The Mayor commented that he does not want this process to go down the same road as the Sustainability Process did three or four years ago.
- ❖ He added that he will continue to give feedback to City Council and that the feedback cannot be skewed.
- ❖ They are unable to get the diversity from this commission as well as the overall population that is needed.
- ❖ Chair Smela commented that a link could be put out there for the diverse population to respond to and that the consultants should be able to help with that through social media outlets.
- ❖ He also mentioned the Comprehensive Plan and that a consultant is working with the city on that.
- ❖ Logan Simpson Design is the consultant from Fort Collins
- ❖ The Mayor is the City of Loveland's representative for the Platte River Power Authority. P.R.P.A. will be hosting a Listening Session at the Service Center on Monday, March 24th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. They are working on a Strategic Plan on how to do electric generation in the future and this is another opportunity for board input.
- ❖ The Chief mentioned that Jon Hartman commented at the M Team meeting that he was very pleased with the info from the P.B.B. meeting and that the bullet points came out very similar within the work groups.
- ❖ Gene asked if the restoration of the training center is finished.
- ❖ The Chief commented that it is finished but it did not pass the inspection due to an electric and water heater issue. By Friday, the building would be turned back over to us.
- ❖ Gene asked about what is being done at the training center if another flood happens due to early spring runoffs.
- ❖ The Chief commented that they are looking at four acres of property on the far south side and west of the current training center and it has three buildings on it.

This property is out of the flood way and there was no flooding there during the last flood in September.

Vision Tour: Presented by Fire Chief Randy Mirowski

This was a PowerPoint presentation about the future vision and what it will take to get LFRA from good to great.

- ❖ The 2000 Smeal Aerial Ladder Truck will be refurbished and kept in reserve.
- ❖ Division Chief Ward was asked a question about gear and a helmet and boots is \$6,000.
- ❖ Per Division Chief Ward not everyone has secondary gear but there is plenty in stock to get something temporary for someone; it is not pre-fitted or sized for that person.
- ❖ Most grant applications are usually an 80/20 split.
- ❖ Division Chief Sparks presented about the Community Safety Division
- ❖ There is some resistance from the business owners regarding Safety Visits. One of the biggest issues is no address numbering on the building.
- ❖ An article will be in the newspaper sometime next week to help educate the local businesses about the Safety Visit process.
- ❖ Division Chief Ward presented about the Operations Division
- ❖ Blue Card Training and Certification was a big focus in 2013.
- ❖ The regional conference for the Blue Card Training was held at the Embassy Suites last February.
- ❖ They would like to have the new company in service by September 2nd.

Rural District Board Updates: presented by Rural Board Member Andy Anderson

- ❖ Watched the Chief's Vision Tour presentation.
- ❖ **Penney and Company?** is the new bookkeeping system that is working with the Rural Board District.
- ❖ Three board members were up for re-election and all decided to return for another term.

Appeals Process Post Mortem: Presented by Chair Jon Smela

- ❖ The Chief commented that Tree was in a tight spot having to advise Jon on the protocol of the hearing as well as having to advise us.
- ❖ Dave felt uncomfortable about some of the questions he wanted to ask.
- ❖ Chair Smela mentioned that it is a bulleted item on the board candidate interview sheet regarding the possibility of being part of these types of hearings.
- ❖ Gene would have liked to have had more time before the meeting to read the handouts that the appellant handed out during the hearing.
- ❖ Chair Smela thought the packet would have had more information from both parties.
- ❖ Elton agreed and thought the packet would have more informational value.
- ❖ Dave would have liked more justification about financial hardship.
- ❖ The Chief stated that if the \$300,000 figure that was given is accurate and when public safety is in question, how to balance the money versus public safety.

- ❖ Paul felt that Mr. Salwei should have had an attorney better versed in code enforcement so they could have asked more code related questions.
- ❖ The Chief commented that we were prepared to answer all those questions about code and what is part of the existing code. He added that there are gaps that he is unable to explain and that Romeo had a letter requiring sprinklering of the building and then somewhere along the way the whole process changed.
- ❖ The Chief stated that the building should have been required to be sprinklered from the beginning and that is the only way to protect the people in that building.

Fire Sprinkler Education: Presented by Chair Jon Smela

- ❖ They are making a plan or path for their next steps.
- ❖ Bob Skillman is the Chair. He was a fire marshal for the Loveland Fire Department and is now a realtor.
- ❖ Dave asked if they have brought the consultant up yet and they have not.
- ❖ Gene put his challenge out there through an e-mail he sent.
- ❖ They are welcoming any action items out of the steering committee.

2014 Agenda: Presented by Chair Jon Smela

- ❖ Chair Smela walked through the LFRA Strategic Plan and the best way to understand the organization and Vision Tour.
- ❖ Some items for the agenda are: property structures, capital, policy perspective – setup and discussion, look at refining the 10 year plan, Chief highlighted departure, helping refresh some of the benchmarking, updates and accreditation and the possibility of adding items to the plan, Phase III expenditures into Fire Station 10, prepaying for that process and possible 2016 Mill Levy; on the Community Safety Division side – public education and community outreach.
- ❖ Referring to the mill levy, the Chief commented that the shortfalls are in the rural fire protection district.
- ❖ Chair Smela commented about keeping a good relationship with the rural district.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, April 9th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

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

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