



Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 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 5:33 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, David (Dave) Adams, William (Willy) Tillman and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: Mayor Cecil Guterrez, Elton Bingham and Paul Pfeiffer

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela.

Bob Boggio motioned to approve the August 13, 2014 minutes; Dave Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: Presented by Chief Mirowski

- ❖ City Council had a study session regarding the budget last night.
- ❖ There was a Priority Based Budgeting sequencing piece that was done in quartiles. There is nothing for LFRA in Quartile 4.
- ❖ The Chief mentioned that the department has been advocating for a Training Engineer position since 2009 (when that position was eliminated due to budget cutbacks). This position is included in the 2015 Budget which will be reviewed by City Council during Tuesday night's City Council Study Session.

Chief Updates: presented by Fire Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ Chief's Selection Process – The LFRA Board will most likely go into executive session at tomorrow's monthly meeting to make their final decision.
- ❖ One of the LFRA Chief's candidates withdrew from the process which leaves two remaining candidates.
- ❖ The new chief's start date is still to be determined.
- ❖ Chief Mirowski is hoping the new chief will be able to attend the leadership training with Paul Callan at the end of October.
- ❖ Once the new chief is selected, Chief Mirowski will call and congratulate them and then get with them sometime afterward to discussion a succession plan.

- ❖ New Fire Station 2 is making great progress, is ahead of schedule and within budget.
- ❖ The Chief hopes to be moved in and fully operational by October 15th.
- ❖ The grand opening target date for Fire Station 2 is October 25th.
- ❖ The City has a contract with Thompson Valley EMS to purchase old Fire Station 2 and the City's legal department is reviewing it.
- ❖ Chief Mirowski has gotten approval to delay the ISO evaluation and is looking at resuming that on January 20, 2015.
- ❖ There were no questions asked about the Chief's Monthly Report.

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

- ❖ LFRA recently signed a renewal and expansion Mutual Aid Agreement with Johnstown.
- ❖ Johnstown and Milliken Fire is now the Front Range Fire Authority.
- ❖ He mentioned the new personnel promotions for the opening of new Fire Station 2.
- ❖ The Heavy Rescue Squad is now in service at Fire Station 1- readying for when the new Fire Station 2 opens.
- ❖ There have been some major upgrades in the Loveland Dispatch Center – readying the dispatchers for Fire Station 2 and being able to now receive 911 texts.

Public Education/Outreach: Presented by Division Chief Sparks

- ❖ The Residential Sprinkler Steering Committee has met for the past 8 months and came to an agreement on the amended proposal by the City of Fort Collins.
- ❖ That proposal will then be taken to the Construction Advisory Board (CAB) and then to City Council for a study session.
- ❖ Deputy Fire Marshal Scott Pringle is involved with public education for LFRA. He is heavily involved with the Lauren Project, Safe Kids Larimer County, Safe Routes to School Task Force, the NFA Station Tour Curriculum and other committees.
- ❖ FRAC has been requested to assist the department in an evaluation of community fire public education. Various components of public education would be evaluated.
- ❖ Each community needs to define what the expectation is and what those needs are.
- ❖ There was some discussion about getting a volunteer group together to provide an available base to assist with community education.
- ❖ LFRA used to have a volunteer citizens corp. which disbanded some years back and that is something that could be revisited to see what value there is in having it back.
- ❖ The department may need to look at the different ways of doing things and what the priority needs are related to our community and public fire education.
- ❖ If resources are limited, then eliminate the lower priority needs.
- ❖ Another suggestion was doing a survey of the community about what is working and what is not working and if they have utilized or needed fire services before.

- ❖ Chair Smela suggested that the commission revisit this topic sometime after the first of 2015 when the new fire chief is on board and let him decide what he would like to engage with.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, October 8th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the new Fire Station 2.

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

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