



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

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Mayor Cecil Guterrez, David (Dave) Adams, Elton Bingham, and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: Fire Chief Mark Miller, Paul Pfeiffer and William (Willy) Tillman

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela.

Bob Boggio motioned to approve the October 8, 2014 minutes; Dave Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: Presented by Mayor Cecil Guterrez

- ❖ The budget was adopted and we officially have a budget to work with.
- ❖ The Lincoln Hotel agreement has been signed and executed.
- ❖ FRAC did a terrific job and he appreciates the board going through the process.
- ❖ There are other buildings downtown with similar issues.
- ❖ Chief Mirowski mentioned that Lincoln Hotel is a three story building with people living in it; the other buildings are two stories.
- ❖ The Arcadia Hotel could even be more problematic.
- ❖ The Chief stated that the focal point have been about the people living in the building.
- ❖ Elton asked about the Rialto Theater and what makes it different from the other buildings downtown. Chief Sparks commented that The Rialto Theater is sprinklered and has an alarm system.
- ❖ Chair Smela received feedback from Assistant City Attorney Tree Ablao that there was some discussion with a City Council member to do some revamping of the hearing process. Next time there would be dual representation – one attorney to oversee the hearing process and one attorney to represent LFRA.
- ❖ The agreement made with the owners of the Lincoln Hotel Apartments is that the City will provide financial support around \$300,000 to sprinkler the building and

basement and the owners agreed to provide nine low income housing units to the City for 15 years.

- ❖ Chair Smela was not able to attend the residential fire sprinkler presentation and from the Mayors perspective, some were for it and some were against it.
- ❖ Chief Mirowski was disappointed with the outcome of the meeting.
- ❖ Five City Council members spoke in favor of residential sprinklers, 2 were opposed.
- ❖ There is a good chance of it being put forward for further discussion and council members liked the idea of incentivizing.

Chief Updates: presented by Fire Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ The Chief asked if there were any questions from the monthly report; there were none.
- ❖ The finished information for the sale of the old Fire Station 2 will go to City Council on November 18th.
- ❖ In October, the LFRA crews made an incredible rescue over at Silver Leaf. The manager closed the door, made sure the alarms were set off and got people out of the building in under 5 minutes and had the woman who was trapped inside of the building out in 6 minutes.
- ❖ There is a posting on Facebook from the daughter of the lady who was rescued.
- ❖ Last month the LFRA Board was asked if the department could move from a three tier staffing model into a two tier staffing model – full time and part time paid model.
- ❖ The department tried three times to get a Recruitment Retention Liaison Manager position through federal grants without any luck.
- ❖ The dynamic has changed dramatically and there are more firefighters going to part time and full time and less becoming reserves and volunteers.
- ❖ This does not include the Big Thompson Canyon Fire Department.
- ❖ The volunteers and reserves were never counted as the minimum staffing model.
- ❖ Planning to move toward the two tier staffing model, wait until the Reserves are gone and then go with the two tier.
- ❖ The Chief mentioned the strategic plan and there are 28 things in there and we have accomplished 14 of them.
- ❖ Big Fat Pastor is a distillery and there are some planning issues.
- ❖ Chief Mirowski mentioned if anyone has any feedback at all about the Budget Biz, to please contact Renee Wheeler via e-mail or telephone.

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

- ❖ New Fire Chief Mark Miller is going to be sworn in by Chair Swanty on November 13th at the LFRA Board Meeting.
- ❖ The sale of old fire station 2 is going before city council on November 18th.
- ❖ Division Chief Greg Ward was awarded the Instructor of the Year and Division Chief and Fire Marshal Ned Sparks was recognized by the Division of Fire Safety Life Achievement Award.
- ❖ The new fire truck with aerial tower will be here on December 10th from Wisconsin.
- ❖ Bids are being taken for the overhauling of the old fire truck.
- ❖ There is an academy with Big Thompson Canyon Fire Department and Johnstown Fire Department scheduled to start January 13th.

Other: Bonnie mentioned that there is still three vacancies on the FRAC Board that need to be filled. The filing deadline for applicants this round is Friday, November 14th.

- ❖ Chief Sparks talked about the possibility of sprinklering Silver leaf 1 & 2 buildings due to the recent fire.
- ❖ Ellis Ranch has issues with their building and Chief Sparks is working with the County to get the building up to code.
- ❖ Chief Miller was not available to attend this meeting due to a scheduling conflict.
- ❖ Chair Smela would like to try and meet at different locations would like FRACs help with that.
- ❖ Chair Smela added that he is not sure if the FRAC Board will be meeting in December or not; that is still pending.
- ❖ Chair Smela took a moment to thank Chief Mirowski for everything he has done, it has been a pleasure working on FRAC with him and he will be missed.
- ❖ The Boards and Commission Summit is scheduled for February 25th at the Rialto Theater.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, December 10th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

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

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