



Loveland Fire Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Loveland Fire Station 4
4900 Earhart Rd., Loveland, CO. 80538

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Fire Chief Mark Miller, Battalion Chief Tim Smith, Lieutenant Bobby Bartlett, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, David (Dave) Adams, Paul Pfeiffer

FRAC Absent: Division Chief Ned Sparks, Division Chief Greg Ward, Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Co-chair Bob Boggio, Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler, Leo Wotan, Elton Bingham and Bonnie Wright.

1. Minutes approval: presented by Chair Smela

There was a motion to approve the October 14, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. City Council updates: Presented by Fire Chief Mark Miller

- ❖ At last night's City Council meeting, three new city council members were sworn in: Rich Ball, Don Overcash and Leah Johnson. The outgoing city council members were Phil Farley, Ralph Trenary and Chauncey Taylor. The Mayor and John Fogel ran unopposed so they were resworn in as well.
- ❖ The Mayor has been busy yesterday and today with Veterans' Day activities.
- ❖ They will try and go through the process again of which City Council members will be liaisons to each board. Do they rotate or keep consistency.
- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem was Dave Clark and it is now John Fogle.
- ❖ John Fogle, Mayor Gutierrez and Bill Cahill are all members of the LFRA Board.

3. Chief Updates: presented by Fire Chief Mark Miller

- ❖ Chief Miller last month talked about the radio tower on top of fire station 1 and it being in a state of imminent collapse. They have been scrambling to find \$200,000 to replace the tower and five departments will be chipping in to cover the cost – Fire, Police, Public Works, Water and Power and Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Services. The amount being chipped in will not be divided equally among the five departments. TVEMS's portion will be around \$18,000. Everyone will be proportionately sharing the cost based on the number of radios each department has. Loveland Police Department has the most radios and will be covering about \$91,000 of the \$200,000 cost.

- ❖ Today a hole was drilled in back of the station to do a soil analysis where the tower is going to go. Hopefully that will determine if that is an appropriate place to put it.
- ❖ There is no backup plan if the existing tower does go down. If the tower does collapse, the main thing it would affect is in-building coverage, particularly downtown. There are other towers but we would not have good building coverage if we lost that.
- ❖ Yesterday Chief Miller, Chief Ward, Chief Smith and Facilities Operations Manager Ken Cooper interviewed three architects for the burn tower and training center master plan and design for the new piece of property that was purchased off of Railroad Avenue.
- ❖ The department is looking at building a three to five story burn tower. Once everyone agrees, the top candidate will be announced who is selected to do the work.
- ❖ All three architects had some very innovative ideas about the type of training village that could be put down at the site.
- ❖ A meeting will be scheduled with the neighbors in the area to get their input about putting the new tower up on the property.
- ❖ The property is located on the west side of where the current training facility is at.
- ❖ The training area will have similar features as the other surrounding departments do but will also be novel as well.
- ❖ They are looking at putting up a multi-family apartment type of apartment unit that nobody can simulate really well.
- ❖ They can simulate single family residences but would want to be able to simulate a multi-family apartment and not many departments have that.
- ❖ Chief Miller is excited about the long range master plan for that facility which would be looking ahead 30-50 years.
- ❖ A sub-committee will be put together to work with the architect and the Chief would like to include anybody from FRAC that would be interested in sitting in on some of those meetings.
- ❖ The city recently received a \$3.4 million grant to build a new bridge on Railroad Avenue just on the other side of the railroad tracks.
- ❖ Fire Engine Red Road will go away once the bridge goes in and the stream gets rerouted.
- ❖ Another primary access will need to be established to get into the training area.
- ❖ The likely choice for primary access into the training area would be from south side of Southwest 12th St.
- ❖ The access off of Railroad Avenue would be secondary.
- ❖ The City has set aside \$700,000 for the primary access. They would like to have a firm hired to do the work by spring and construction to begin by Labor Day.
- ❖ Railroad Avenue will most likely be shut down for a year or so.
- ❖ Command Staff made a decision last week to change the LFRA Logo.
- ❖ Last month the department came up with and voted on a new uniform patch design.
- ❖ The Chief pushed to have an e-mail template for everyone to use that was consistent with the patch, their name, rank and organization.
- ❖ It will take a few years to get everything converted over to the new logo on letterhead, uniforms and apparatus.
- ❖ Brands are a very big deal and you want people to associate your logo with who you are.
- ❖ There were some recent new hires and promotions within the department.
- ❖ Promoted two engineers, Adam Baukol and Mark Hernandez and two part time to full

time firefighters Alex Chapin and Paul Duran.

- ❖ Engineer Josh Valerio was appointed to the ARFF Engineer position which will start in January.
- ❖ Engineer, Tim Morrison resigned and is moving to Cody, Wyoming to be a heavy equipment operator.
- ❖ There is one application of interest to be a member of FRAC from Zach Sullivan. Zach was a firefighter with LFRA and now is working in Greeley.

4. **Rural District Board Updates:** presented by Rural Board member Andy Anderson

- ❖ The 2016 budget has been adopted.
- ❖ There is a new insurance from Colorado Special District Association called SDA and Rural will have the same insurance that the City has.
- ❖ The Big Thompson Canyon retired volunteer firefighters will be getting a raise on their pensions from \$350 to \$400 per month.
- ❖ There was some discussion about Rossum Drive property which was also discussed at the October FRAC Meeting. The sale on the property fell through and is for sale again.
- ❖ The new refurbished ladder truck was here and is gone again. Some issues were found so it was sent back to get fixed.
- ❖ Heron Pointe representatives requested a meeting with the Chief and other officers and talked about whether they want to be in Berthoud or Loveland. Berthoud has annexed a piece of property called Heron Pointe and they want to start some commercial and residential development.
- ❖ Rural District Attorney Greg White and Chief Miller met with the Berthoud Fire Chief and their attorney and came to an agreement that Loveland Fire Rescue Authority would do revenue sharing - it will be actually annexed into Berthoud; it is currently in the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District. It will go into Berthoud's Fire Protection District but LFRA will come up with a revenue sharing agreement and will be getting some of that revenue off of it even though it is officially in Berthoud.
- ❖ Dry hydrants and locations were discussed.

5. **ARFF Overview:** Battalion Chief Smith and Lieutenant Bartlett gave an overview about ARFF and apparatus.

6. **Public Comment (If applicable) citizens:** There was no public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled FRAC meeting in December has been cancelled. The meeting in January is scheduled for Wednesday, the 13th at 5:30 p.m. at Loveland Fire Station 2.

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

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