

LOVELAND FIRE-RESCUE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Present: Andy Anderson, Janet Bailey, Jim Buchanan, Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Tim Hitchcock, Chief Randy Mirowski, Mary Moore, Kaitlyn Murdoff, Paul Pfeiffer, Steve Stolz, Jerry Ward

Absent: Division Chief Merlin Green, Patrick Love, Division Chief Ned Sparks,

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

Minutes approval: July 2010: Motion M. Moore, 2nd: S. Stolz

Council Update:

- ❖ Fire Authority steering team meeting starting the next steps on 8/12.
- ❖ Three City Manager candidates coming to town 8/18-8/20 for interviews and meetings; will meet with the management team and a group of employees along with city council. There will also be a public meet the candidate's forum, not sure where it will be held.
- ❖ Crossroads interchange grand opening is 8/12, and 34 interchange is on schedule.
- ❖ Bus service has started between Fort Collins through Loveland, Berthoud and ending up meeting with RTD in Longmont.
- ❖ Agrium Industries is up to 75 employees
- ❖ Allegiant Airlines is expanding service to Mesa, AZ, and may look at more flights in the future

Update from Rural Board:

- ❖ The Rural Board is agreeable to having a joint meeting with FRAC, will have to work on scheduling this meeting
- ❖ They are working on the Fire Authority process, putting committees together
- ❖ Still trying to get the gentleman from North Washington Fire to do his presentation on their strategy to get their mill levy increase passed, will try and combine a meeting with all concerned when he can do it.
- ❖ Once the new Truck chassis gets here, will try to arrange a tour of Super Vac between the Rural Board and FRAC.

New Business:

- a. **New Member Orientation:** Janet proposed we go over a FRAC New Member orientation, asking for suggestions. Wants to get this out to new members before the first meeting. Should

include an Org Chart of the Department and what they do. Some suggestions were presented and Janet will redo and present Back to FRAC in the near future.

Old Business:

- ❖ Liaison to Construction Advisory Board had a vacancy created by Everrette leaving. Chief Green mentioned this position is important and he attends every 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Either Tim Hitchcock or Paul Pfeiffer will do this role, or rotate between them. We need to make sure that the upcoming agenda for FRAC is sent to the CAB so they can determine if they want any representation at our meeting.
- ❖ Merlin and Janet met with the Reporter Herald on the problem of only some of the Citizen Award presentations making it to the paper. They agreed to:
 - Notify RH if we have an award as soon as we can.
 - RH will let us know if they can be there.
 - If not, we will take our own picture, and along with the award, send it to the paper.
- ❖ Incident Rep Program Update: Training will not begin until end of August or maybe into September.
- ❖ LFR Strategic Plan Update:
 - Need to find out if the November elections, Amendments 60, 61, and Proposition 101 pass and how they will affect the funding and direction for the department
 - Will also have to see how the new City Manager will want to proceed in the future
 - Will probably not start working on this until early 2011
 - Would like FRAC to act as a steering committee to provide oversight, direction, and review as it progresses.
 - Need to determine if it should be all of FRAC or just a subcommittee of it.

Department Updates:

- ❖ Chief Green: doesn't look like residential sprinklers will be happening in the near future, need more buy in from business and the public before proceeding.
- ❖ Chief Sparks: The promotion process for both the Battalion Commanders and Captains has been concluded.

- ❖ Round Mountain Fire charges have been resolved with neither LFR nor LRFPD having to pay any money.

Updates from the Chief:

- ❖ City budget for 2011 is looking flat from 2010, a grant was put in for new SCBA's, however they have also been added to the LFR budget for next year as 60% of them can't be upgraded anymore and need to be replaced.
- ❖ The police department and LFR will work jointly on future radio/ communication system issues after the SCBA situation has been addressed. The direction will focus more on emergency scene communications as a joint "public safety" issue, rather than as separate police and fire department issues.
- ❖ Fire Authority team will start meeting on 8/12, and then monthly after that, more frequently as needed. They will be working on governance, model, basic groundwork, service levels and staffing.
- ❖ Lots of things coming before council in the near future:
 - HazMat Plan
 - 2010 wildfire mitigation plan
 - Contract with the Rural Board for 2011
 - Johnstown Mutual Aid Agreement

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC. (Update, this meeting has been cancelled until October.)

Respectfully submitted, Tim Hitchcock