

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:04 by Karl Adam

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors: Karl Adam, Stoney Davis, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, John Ward
- Absent:
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Ken Josselyn, Jason Lasser, Thom Barr, Ryan Warren, Sandy Schiff, Adam Cohen, Charlie Curtis, Mike Haman, Bruce Bradshaw, Josh Burnaman, Nikki Lapin
- Public/Others: Todd Snidow, GK Baum

Approval of Minutes:

Motion from Stoney to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on October 10, 2018. Denis Second.

Discussion: A survey was put out some time ago to find out interest in housing. At the time, one person was interested in Aspen Village, but has now received housing through City. There is one person interested in Woody Creek housing. All Approved.

Public Comment:

- Rick recognized GK Baum for all the work put in to help with passing of mill levy. Friends of Aspen raised approximately \$20,000 and GK Baum donated their time.
- Todd Snidow with GK Baum gave overview of the financing and rate options for the housing project. Rick talked to attorney about doing a reimbursement resolution. The sunset for the ballot question was 2039. The current rate on bond today is about 3.076. The fees for issuing COP's would be approximately \$95,000.
- Rick recognized Damian O'Doherty with KO Public Affairs for all his help with the mill levy campaign. He brought a lot of knowledge to the table. There was a last minute push for advertising, leaving only \$190 left of campaign funds.
- Rick mentioned it is now time to take a breath, step back and put some committees together to move forward the right way.

Good of District:

- Thank you note received from Liz Schultze for help with Pink Schultze Memorial.
- Thank you email for Veteran's Day participation.
- Aspen Fire participated in several events on Halloween. Aspen Fire hosted Boo Bash at Headquarters Station, fire truck at North 40 station and fundraiser at 7908.
- Charlie gave an overview of fire prevention efforts. Inspections and preplans have increased. There have been several fire extinguisher trainings.
- There will be a full page ad in the paper thanking the community for all their support.
- Currently have a truck team listed for wildland fires in California.

Financials:

- There are two months to go and current calculations show a net income of \$50,000. There is \$250,000 to send to FPPA. A bond payment will be made next week.

Board of Directors:

- Thank you to everyone who worked on campaign committee.
- Wabs was approached by citizen that was upset Lisa Ruggieri still has firefighter plates. Rick has tried addressing in past. Rick discussed changes parking department will be making to the program. They will be requiring information on all vehicles to put in database.
- Chiefs Review: Discussion about getting reviews from outside agencies. Board will receive further direction from Karl Hanlon. Nikki mentioned from an HR standpoint, she does not advise going that direction. Karl A. read email from Karl Hanlon. Rick mentioned to the board that he has been directed by board in the past to handle different agency issues (i.e. Aspen Ambulance, Sheriff's office and Airport over authority, etc.), and this would not be fair.
- John mentioned it was fun working with many of the staff/volunteers on the campaign committee. Best ambassadors for this department are the men/women on the department. The outcome of the mill levy with 72% approval rate is a reflection of what they do each and every day.
- Stoney mentioned working with Aspen Ambulance next year to create better relationship. Rick believes that the district has made a valid effort to make our district safer. Rick is focused on what is best for our district and our responders.
- Work Session suggested for December 3rd, 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Nikki will send out calendar invite. Part of that work session will be Chief's review. Rick will have recommendation for revised 2019 Budget.
- Monthly Board Meeting: Change to the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting in December.
- Rick in discussion with local non-profit regarding potential for upgrade to user friendly wildfire danger mapping for the public. There is another program similar to Anchor Point that may be able to integrate with it. There is a good example of this on Colorado Springs Fire website. It has GIS based mapping system that rate homes. There was discussion around mitigation program and hopes of expanding the program in the future.

Old Business

- Grand Junction Property: Rick received email. There is an offer, along with backup offer.
- North 40 Housing: Rick will be putting together a committee to discuss design, number of units needed, pricing, policy, etc. There was suggestion of adopting APCHA criteria. These will be items discussed in committee format.
- Aspen Village: No report
- Starwood: Construction has started. They ran into some issues with drilling, but moving forward.
- Airport MOU: Karl Hanlon has been working on draft of letter. Rick put on the back burner until after the election.

New Business:

- Holiday Party: Will be held at Mountain Chalet December 8, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Motion from Wabs to adjourn meeting. Karl Second. All Approved.