

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Special Meeting June 24, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Aspen Fire Protection District met for a Special Meeting to discuss North 40 Housing Project. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by John at 11:41 am

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors Present: John Ward, Denis Murray, Stoney Davis, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, Michael Buglione
- Board of Directors Absent: None
- Staff/Volunteers Present: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Fabrizio Brovelli, Jason Lasser, Craig Melville, Michael Holmes, Ken Josselyn, Adam Cohen, Roya Beklik, Anthony Lewin and Thom Barr
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Paul Broome, Michelle Fox, Lisa Hancock, Paul Fowler, Mark Devlin, Chris Bendon, Reilly Thimons, Wayne Stryker, David Brown, Sacha Hinderberger, Jackie Francis

Public Comments:

- Mark Wessler, President North 40 HOA: The HOA Board asked that John Ward recuse himself from discussions and voting in regards to the North 40 Project as he is a member of the North 40 HOA. This was deferred to Karl Hanlon. John spoke, he does not see a conflict and will not be recusing himself.
- Chris Bendon, BendonAdams: Chris gave a presentation of the North 40 project.
- Michelle Fox, Homeowner at North 40: Michelle spoke in support of the project.
- Lisa Hancock, Homeowner at North 40: Lisa spoke about the expense and density of the project.
- Adam Cohen, Homeowner at North 40 and AFD Firefighter: Adam spoke in support of the project.

Comments were closed at 12:14pm.

Board Member Comments:

- Wabs suggested that Lisa Hancock send a written letter as she was hard to hear. John recapped some of Lisa's concerns.
- John spoke to the importance of the need for volunteers as only nine firefighters were being hired at this time. Seventeen units is not going to go far. The newspaper recently posted a story of 10 employee housing units that received over 100 applications. This is our one shot, AFD is trying to work with the community and neighbors.
- Stoney spoke about the need for storage. He commented on too many units on the small property. He would like to know about the property John McBride has to sell. The housing committee did confirm there will be storage units in the garage for each unit.
- Denis gave an overview of the housing committee's work on this project.

- Rick addressed the storage need and the need for housing. During the interview process a couple people dropped out due to the affordability of Aspen.

MOTION: Motion by Wabs to approve Resolution 2020-06-01 to move forward with North 40 project as presented to the Pitkin County Planning & Zoning Commission with changes to Section 2, modifying the proposed height from 32' to 28' to comply with the West of Maroon Creek Master Plan, solar panel projection height will be as required by code. Denis Second. Vote: All Approved.

** Full recording of this meeting is available upon request to the District Administrator or on the website at www.aspenfire.com.*