

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting  
April 26th, 2017

Board members present: Frank Dominguez, Mark Pappas, Peggy Woods, Steve Loo, Richard Kramer.

Staff present: Todd Holzwarth, Steve Waldorf, Dennis Soles, Adam Gosey, Kristen Rybij.

Others present: See attached sign-in for public present.

Frank Dominguez called the meeting to order at 18:27 pm.

Frank Dominguez asks if there is any public comment. There is no comment at this time.

The March minutes were discussed with no changes noted.

- ❖ Mark Pappas moved to approve the March minutes as written. Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: The decrease in property tax is noted due to the YMCA refund. Minor changes to the financials were discussed with some more small changes anticipated in the near future. Kristen has a fresh set of eyes on the budget and has come across some line items that need a closer look. Impact fees are currently very abundant, which is helpful for the money lost because of the YMCA refund. March's question regarding the line item of Service Awards / Reimbursements was researched and mapped out for possible review during the meeting.

- ❖ Peggy Woods moved to approve the bills. Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gallagher / TABOR Update: The Gallagher / TABOR conundrum mandates that we maintain the 45/55 taxation split with non-residential property while TABOR mandates that property taxes cannot be raised without a public vote. Property taxes can always be lowered without a vote though, and this will happen in 2017 as home valuations continue to rise. Front Range values are expected to increase by ~ 70% and in order to maintain the 44 /55 split, property taxes will have to be ratcheted down again to a projected 7.2 %.

Chief's Report: Lt. Jedediah Henry was left off the Good Pension Year list. This will be corrected and presented at the next Board of Trustees meeting in June. Station 2 Bay Remodel Project is finished with work bench installed, may change bay thermostats. Currently in discussion with Jack Conrad (?) and Norm Larkins (?) concerning the Tabernash Water System. Thoughts are that the Fire District's use of the water is exempt of the normal protocol due to its public safety position. Chief has spoken to Linda Glesne about this issue. Munn Architect came in two weeks ago to discuss the plans for the proposed South Station in Old Town Winter Park. We reviewed 8 various layouts with many good ideas put on the table. The stages are very preliminary and concerns include the slope of the land, the road conditions including heavy traffic, the type of backfill already there, and the angle / direction of pull out for the trucks. Kristen will be taking over Facebook in May and the website in the future. 21 calls for the period and 103 runs to date.

Fire Prevention Report: It is exceptionally busy! Dennis also did a Wildland Hazard Review, not typical but was for a new homeowner who was overly concerned. Dennis was able to share some good advice and resources regarding the creation of defensible space on their property.

Training Coordinator Report: The weather has been typical CO spring weather so some training had to be modified and JPR's were done instead, including a MCI drill w / 10 patients and an IamResponding refresher with the Officers. There is a new recruit class in June and applications are abundant. Fire 1 testing was very successful with only one person failing one part by only one question. Quinn is going to the Firewomen Academy. There are currently 6 residents and 38 volunteers / staff. Front Range Fire was called in to install the sensors into 481 since they are the only ones with the correct computers to do the job.

Frank asks if there is any public comment. There is no comment at this time

Board Business / Action Items:

SDA Conference: Kristen reminds the staff and board of the upcoming SDA conference with registration beginning July 1st. Will get a head count next meeting.

YMCA Workshop Overview: Please see attached YMCA workshop minutes for more detailed information. All affected districts gathered and discussion ensued regarding how we were all going to deal with our losses in revenue. Everyone was committed to being cohesive in coming to a collective decision about how to recoup our losses. The suggestions of a TABOR vote and / or a one-time abatement were put on the table with most leaning towards a one-time abatement due to current financial situations. The County has agreed to approach the YMCA board with a negotiation to forgive 100% of the interest. In the meantime, all districts have agreed to look into the matter further and meet again in June. Everyone is going to bring calculations at that time so we can see the approximate affect a one-time abatement will have on our community.

- ❖ Steve Loo moves to adjourn the meeting. Mark Pappas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:44 pm.

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Rick Kramer

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Mark Pappas

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