

GOLDEN GATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
Of
January 18, 2010

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The rescheduled Board meeting, which is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month, was called to order by Board President Barbara Crawford at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held at Fire Station #1, 32360 Robinson Hill Road.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barbara led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Barbara Crawford, Amy DeVos, Robert Thiessen, Doug Miller and Kerri Crawford.

Also in attendance: Cathy Kowitz, Administrative Assistant and Kelly Sorvig, Fire Chief. Community members Bill Marshall and Tom Ripley were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bill Marshall stated that he thinks the public has not been engaged in holding the Board (past and present) accountable and we have not engaged the community enough to get them involved in doing things in the District. Bill stated that he has decided to step back and not do volunteer work for the Fire Department and work more on getting the community committed to insuring the Fire Department is capable of meeting their mission. Barbara stated that she thinks that the Board has made improvements but she and the rest of the Board agreed with Bill that the community needs to be more involved. Bill stated that he believes the community does not feel a sense of urgency when the information is coming from the Fire Department/Board. Kerri stated that all the things that we want to do cannot be done and we need to exhibit extreme caution and look at what the public sees. She also stated that she agrees with Bill. Barbara stated that we need to branch out from the Fire Fair to reach more people in the District let them know that the District belongs to them. Tom Ripley stated that he feels that the DMRA hasn't gotten any information to be aware and to help them get involved.

**REGULAR AGENDA
MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Board meeting from December 14, 2009 were reviewed and presented as corrected. The minutes were approved by the Board (4-1). Barbara abstained from voting since she was unable to review the minutes. Barbara stated that she would like verbiage added at the end of the minutes which states actions taken by the Board at the meeting. The rest of the Board agreed.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Bill asked about the replacement tires for 831 which will be added under new business. Robert would like to give an update on St. #1.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Report: Amy Devos gave the Treasurer's Report. The December Treasurer's Report was reviewed and was approved by the Board. Approval was given by the Board to pay the bills presented. Robert made a comment regarding missing invoices in the files and stated that all originals should be kept in the files at the office.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Emergency Calls: Kelly stated that the fire department has responded to one medical call in the past month. There was no fire loss for the month.

Membership update: Chief Sorvig stated that there are currently eight regular members, five candidates, two new applicants, one termination. (Chief's report attached).

Misc: The Chief stated that all the vehicles are up and running. Training is to include CPR and AED. Pack test is to be in February. Three new burn permits have been received and approved. Kelly stated that his priorities which are equally weighted: remodel St. #1, communication improvements and water survey. Reimbursement to the firefighters for training was discussed. Barbara is to write up the reimbursement procedure for the firefighters (50% at enrollment/25% at completion of course/25% one year after completion).

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Bill Marshall asked that this item be tabled until the February Board meeting.

RECRUITMENT

Kelly stated that applications to join the Fire Department continue to come in. He is looking into having a firefighter taking on the role as recruitment boss.

GRANT UPDATE

Barbara provided the Board members with an updated printout on the grants. According to Barbara, the first Fire Mitigation Grant for \$30,000 is complete and we now have a \$20,000 grant to spend. Barbara is looking for people to be a part of the grant. Barbara stated she still needs documentation from Kelly for the FEMA Grant (air compressor). According to Barbara the Gaming Grant is now closed and we spent \$9,723. Barbara stated that she submitted the medical portion of the new skid unit on the Gaming Grant. Robert stated that he and Kerri are still working on the Communications Grant. According to Kerri, it appears that we are still in good standing to get the money we applied for. Barbara stated that we need to look for grants for vehicles and for remodeling the station.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Management Report

Bill informed the Board that there will be no Water Management Team after April unless: we go ahead and get the cisterns checked in the District for reliable water, define what a voluntary compliance audit is and show progress on the mega cisterns if that is the way the Board wants to go.

Communications Authority

Kerri has contacted Mark Hall and he is to come out in March for a presentation about solving our communication problem. She also stated that Paul Pettit has agreed to come to that Board meeting and give a presentation. According to Kerri, Paul stated that he has found some of the communications equipment. Kerri stated that we need to find out what frequencies other Fire Districts use and if they have spare frequencies that we could rent. She also stated we need to know if they have a license and how long it took to get the license.

Needs Survey/Culture Report

Bill Marshall provided the Board with an updated Needs survey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ELECTION STATUS

Amy provided a resolution to approve Pinnacle Consulting to be the DEO for the election. The Board unanimously approved Pinnacle as the DEO. The Board unanimously approved having a mail-in only ballot election. February 3rd is the call for nominations date for the election. The Board is to put the call for nominations notice on the Grange sign.

NEWSLETTER REVIEW

Bill Marshall stated that he has some articles written and is working on getting the newsletter out. He is hoping to get it out very soon. Doug is to purchase four realtor boxes to put newsletters in. Two boxes will be placed in the Robinson Hill/Douglas Mtn. area and two boxes will be placed in the Crawford Gulch area.

CISTERN AT STATION #2

Doug stated that he has gotten two bids for removing and disposal of the cisterns. The Board unanimously approved removing, disposing of the cistern at the recycler and refilling the hole. The Board also unanimously approved correcting the grading at the St. #2. Barbara asked about the cistern at St. #1. Kerri recommended removing the cisterns at St. #1 and St. #2 because of the potential for hazardous waste exposure. The Board is to wait to make a decision on the cistern at St. #1 since it is out of the ground.

NEW BUSINESS

TIRES FOR TRUCK 831

The Board unanimously approved purchasing new tires for Truck 831.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH IDEAS

This item was tabled until the February Board meeting.

IDEAS FOR WEBSITE

Awards Banquet photos: Doug asked when the photos of the firefighters will be ready? He would like to post them on the website. Barbara stated she has the group photo and will be getting the individual photos soon. Barbara stated that we need frames for the firefighter photos.

Fire Department support at burns: Doug asked about having firefighter support at burn piles and charging a fee for this. Kelly stated it would be good for community outreach, but finding

firefighters who could do it may be an issue. He also stated there may be good potential for doing this.

FLAGPOLE FOR STATION #2

Bill stated that the cost of a flagpole would be about \$1300. Doug proposed that each Board member contribute to the cost of the flagpole. Bill stated that as a non-board member he would put in money towards the flagpole. The Board members agreed to put up money to pay for the flagpole. The Board did not decide if they are to place a plaque near the flagpole. The Board unanimously approved having a flagpole placed at Station #2.

FIRE FAIR

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

DISCUSSION OF WHAT A MILL LEVY IS AND HOW IT WORKS

Barbara presented information on mill levy and ballot issues to the Board for their research opportunity and any discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

UPCOMING DATES

A list of upcoming dates:

- February 3rd – Call for nominations for election
- February 17th – Regular and Pension Board meetings – St.#2
- February 26th – Deadline for nominations
- March 2nd – Last date for write-in candidate
- March 3rd – Election can be cancelled
- March 17th – Regular Board meeting – St. #1

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Devos, Secretary

Board Member

ACTIONS TAKEN BY BOARD AT MEETING

- Approval of tires for Truck 831
- Approval of resolution to approve Pinnacle Consulting as the DEO
- Approval of mail-in only ballot election
- Approval of cistern removal and disposal at St.#2
- Approval of grading at St. #2
- Approval of flagpole to be placed at St. #2