

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 14th, 2019

Meeting called to order by Karl at 5:10pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors: Karl Adam, Denis Murray, John Ward
- Absent: Stoney Davis, Dave (Wabs) Walbert
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Ryan Warren, Shane Allen, Mike Haman, Marc Zachary
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, John Bennett, Chris Bendon, Wayne Stryker, David Brown

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Denis to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on April 9, 2019 and Work Session on May 9th. John Second. All approved.

John Bennett, Aspen Community Foundation: Wildfire Adapted Community Project

- John discussed how this project came about after doing wildfire public forums last October. After the fires last year there was a lot of donor interest in helping the valley with wildfire preparedness. Many conversations were had with several organization throughout the state.
- This project will work in conjunction with AnchorPoint, a detailed wildfire mapping system that Aspen Fire and City of Aspen have already invested in, that will be available online to the public to communicate risk levels through color-coded maps.
- John presented plan to the board in further detail and stated Aspen Community Foundation is ready to provide seed money and significant support for the initial phase of the project.
- The strategy is to assess the existing wildfire risk levels of all individual homes and neighborhoods through curbside assessments and offer homeowners additional free, on-site focused visit with more detailed and personalized risk assessment of their homes.
- Rick explained the funds from Aspen Community Foundation will help cover cost of boots on ground assessments. There is money budgeted from last year toward this year for software upgrades. Future years will require our staff/interns to go out and update every couple of years or when someone sells home. This is a web-based app where each attribute is weighted. The formula is based on science. The hope is to include further hazards, such as signage. Aspen Community Foundation was intrigued by Colorado Springs and the dialogue it brings within neighborhoods. It elevates wildfire preparedness to a new level.
- Currently, we have four interns from Mesa State College and others interested. Staff will also reach out internally to members to see if there is any interest in helping with project.
- Board agreed to support this program.

Housing Committee

- Committee met with several architects and after several presentations narrowed it down to two. The group recommends Stryker Brown. Stryker Brown presented three draft options, one which

included the possibility of a daycare building. The committee is leaning toward the option with underground parking a campus style housing on top. Daycare was part of discussion, but needs further discussion from board. There is still a lot of refinement needed once a team is hired. Rick mentioned that Paul Broome may be a good owner's rep for this project. Paul helped with some original estimates for budget on this project and would be an asset moving forward.

- After hiring of team, the next step will be to vet out a plan and last will be addressing the housing program.
- **Motion by John to approve the retention of Stryker Brown as architect of record for the North 40 housing project subject to the execution of written contract between the Aspen Fire Protection District and Stryker Brown. Second by Denis. All Approved.**
- Chris Bendon recommended moving forward with neighborhood outreach to get some input sooner than later. Housing Committee plans to present ideas to volunteers at next business meeting. Chris suggested going to volunteers and neighbors close to same time.

Good of District

- Thank you to housing committee for hard work on the North 40 project.

Board of Directors Comments/Action Items:

- Community Outreach Project: The board gave Rick direction to bring consultant information and costs to next meeting to formalize facilitated community outreach project as discussed in prior work session.

CEO/Fire Chief

- There is a lot going on with the housing project and wildfire mapping assessment program.
- The Gathering Place Non-Profit group will be attending the next board meeting to discuss Woody Creek project.
- Starwood: There are four applicants interested. EMT-B is a requirement. Rick sent out draft to the board. The pricing is based on APCHA rates with the possibility to earn money off with a dedicated shift option. This was to help with some concerns from Starwood HOA with station coverage. Rick talked to Mike and Cindy at ACPHA and they can vet the income for us. There was further discussion on rental rates and dedicated shifts. This will be added to the agenda for further discussion at next meeting.

Old Business

- Airport MOU: No new information.
- Aspen Village: An architectural proposal from Studio Aspen was included in the board packet to create construction documents for improvements to the interior of the building to provide living space for a firefighter. The goal would be to get an actual drawing in order to get a more accurate bid. Motion by Denis to approve draw plan for Aspen Village. John Second. Discussion: Denis stated this would put firefighter in station at that end of district. All Approved.
- Summer Wildfire Program: Rick expressed the importance of not letting the wildfire program slip. He will bring some information to the next board meeting on strengthening this program. Rick mentioned that we did not receive any qualified applicants for the Engine Boss position so Ken and Charlie may need to be freed up if needed. Karl A. commented that the wildfire program is important and having dedicated staff to help with this is good use of funds.

Motion from John to adjourn meeting. Denis Second. All Approved. Meeting ended at 6:58pm.