

O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPC)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 29, 2018 - Station #3

1. Vice President Rector called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** (Recording Secretary Lucido conducted roll call)

Scott Avery	Present	Asst Chief Moore	Present
Dave Buck	Present	Pres Dr. Ottomeyer	Excused
Jamie Cronk	Present	Laraine Proctor	Present
Joe Donahue	Excused	Vice Pres Kelly Rector	Present
Jim Frain	Present	Teri Reiter	Present
Dir Matt Gober	Present	Dir. Matt Simmons	Excused
Tony Graceffa	Present	Chief Tom Vineyard	Present
Dir Bill Laughlin	Present	Assistant Chief Vomund	Present
Mark Morrison	Present	Sr. Michaleen Vomund	Present
		Jim Worman	Present

Guest(s): None.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Rector asked for any questions or comments regarding the October 23, 2017 minutes of the Citizen Planning Committee Meeting. There being no questions or comments, Jim Worman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Director Laughlin. All members present were in favor of approving the October 23, 2017 minutes as presented; none opposed; Absent: Donahue, Ottomeyer, Simmons. **MOTION PASSES.**

4. **Reports:**

- A) Assistant Chief Ken Vomund

- Equipment - Truck Committee is looking at several ladder truck models to put together specifications for a new Ladder Truck; the goal is to place an order for a new ladder truck in 2018. Once ordered, it will take approximately a year to manufacture.

- Training: District crews will be participating in county-wide training this year, including High Rise training in April.

- B) Assistant Chief Brian Moore

- Firefighter Community Outreach members assisted the O'Fallon Senior Center running their mouse race fundraiser, which raised approximately \$5,000 for their Meals on Wheels program. They also assisted building and attended the dedication of a Keira Stout Memorial Garden located at the O'Fallon YMCA.

- District firefighters participated in the following events: Area schools' Red Ribbon Week regarding drug awareness, No Hunger Holiday, and Santa riding the fire truck through subdivisions. District firefighters participated in the annual Toy and Food Drive; proceeds were donated to Assumption's St. Vincent DePaul Society which serves hundreds of local families. The crews helped gather and move over

250 boxes of donated food. District members assisted again at the Salvation Dinner, serving dinner to participating families.

- The annual Pictures with Santa on a Fire Truck event was great success, and a special thank you given to Jim Frain for being Santa this year. Mark Morrison said we had over 1,000 people attend this event over 3 days.

- District members supported Engineer Tom Vogelgesang again this year in his fundraising efforts for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, by having his head shaved, raising over \$6,500 for St. Baldricks.

- The Firefighters Community Outreach annual Trivia Night fundraiser is set for March 24, 2018. All proceeds raised in this event are used by the Outreach Organization for District families in need.

- The District has hired 7 new Firefighter EMT/P's helping to complete the District's move from BLS to ALS. Jim Frain asked if the District is happy with the successful candidates. Chief Vineyard stated 108 people applied for the FF-EMT/P job, and we are confident we hired quality firefighters that will be an asset to the District.

- The District has 5,262 likes on its Facebook page and website. Kelly Rector congratulated everyone on keeping the District's Facebook page fresh.

C) Fire Marshal Mark Morrison:

- Fire Prevention Bureau:

- Reviewed new construction projects in our District.

- Will hold Senior Safety Luncheons during May and June 2018 at District Senior Complexes; he will host 2 luncheons at Hillmann Place.

- October Fire Safety Day is scheduled for October 7, 2018 at Kohl's parking lot. Santa Pictures for 2018 are scheduled for December 1, 2, 3.

D) Chief Vineyard

- Financial Overview:

The District is in good financial shape since the \$0.25 tax issue was passed; which the District begins collecting this year.

The District will go ALS this year. 7 FF EMT/P's were just hired and the District will hire 5 additional FF EMT/P's the beginning of 2019. Station renovations needed to accommodate the additional firefighters must be completed prior to the 2019 hiring. The 7 new hires have rejuvenated the department.

Station #1 renovation is complete.

Station #5 renovation which included a complete gut and rebuild of the living quarters should be complete within the next few weeks. No exterior work was required. The District is planning on holding an Open House in May.

Station #4 renovation will be extensive as it will entail a tear down and rebuild of the living quarters. The Bays and training tower remain. He explained the process; this will be an 8-9 month project. The District recently hired a new Architect, so Station #4's renovation plans are starting from scratch. Firefighters will live in a single-wide trailer kept on the premises to keep the station open during renovation; the project should begin early May 2018. Jim Frain questioned if the issues with Station #4's sidewalk were resolved; Chief Vineyard stated sidewalk

placement will depend on how we configure the building, which will determine where they are placed.

The Truck Committee is in the process of spec'ng out a new ladder truck that will be housed at Station #4 replacing the current ladder truck. Jim Worman asked if there issues with road salt eating away at the truck's undercarriages. Chief Vineyard stated there have been significant issues with the current Pierce Ladder Truck. Trucks now receive a special coating that should take care of those issues.

5. **Unfinished Business**

- None.

6. **New Business**

- Chief Vineyard stated Director Matt Gober was up for re-election in April. There will be a total of 2 names on the ballot. It costs the District about \$40,000 to put this issue on ballot; if a Director runs unopposed, the District incurs no costs.

7. **Good of the Order**

- Jim Frain suggested featuring the new Firefighters on Facebook, and to have them recognized at an O'Fallon City meeting. Assistant Chief Moore said he is working on featuring the Firefighters, and he plans on attending a City meeting to discuss the District's recent hiring and going ALS.

- Assistant Chief Moore said there will be a Firefighter Pinning Ceremony set in the next few weeks.

8. **Next CPC Meeting**

Vice President Rector announced the next CPC meeting is set for Monday, April 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at Station #3.

A motion was made by Kelly Rector to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Assistant Chief Vomund; All members present were in favor of adjournment, none opposed; Absent: Donahue, Ottomeyer, Simmons. **MOTION PASSES.**

There being no further business, Vice President Rector adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.


Karen J. Lucido, Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary