

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 29, 2019 - Station #3

1. Dr. Ottomeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** (Recording Secretary Lucido conducted roll call)

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

Guests: None.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Ottomeyer asked for any questions or comments regarding the January 28, 2019 minutes of the Citizen Planning Committee Meeting. There being no questions or comments, Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Teri Reiter. All members present were in favor of approving the January 28, 2019 minutes as presented; none opposed; Absent: Donahue, Moore, Rector. **MOTION PASSES.**

4. **Reports**

A) Assistant Chief Ken Vomund

- Equipment - New E-One ladder truck ordered; should have had by June 2019, but truck has been delayed and new due date is December 2019. The new truck cost \$1.2 million and the District paid \$600,000.00 up front; the District will receive 4% interest on that amount until we receive the truck. Once the new truck is received and placed in service, District will feature it on its Facebook page.

- The 2007 Ladder Truck was placed for sale and purchased by a small up-state New York fire department for approximately \$250,000.

- Station #4 renovation is complete; and a new gear wash machine and new SCBA compressor have been purchased for the station.

- Training: County-wide training was held at Cardinal Towing regarding vehicle extrication using wrecked cars and trucks.

- MCI Training was held in May and June with all first responder organizations in the County including SWAT.

- Held inflatable rescue boat training both in-house and trained with the Task Force at Lake St. Louis' lake behind the hospital. The Inflatable Boat has already been out on searches.

B) Chief Vineyard FOR Assistant Chief Brian Moore

- Reviewed the 2008 District Annual Report devised by Captain Mike Alcorn, and provided a copy for each member for their review. This report is required annually for the Accreditation process; contact Chief Vineyard with any questions. Dr. Ottomeyer questioned the increase in calls. Chief Vineyard stated the District's call volume has increased quite a bit, especially EMS calls. It is good the District is currently ALS, as EMS calls continue to increase in 2019.

- The District now has an Instagram account, and has placed its new-hire firefighter-paramedics pictures and bios on Facebook. Unicom-Arc writes and upkeeps the District's content on Facebook. Jim Frain said the site is very well done.

- The District placed a public survey on Facebook, and should have results of the survey at the next CPC meeting.

- OUTREACH – The O'Fallon Firefighters' Outreach organization is holding a fundraiser Golf Tournament in October at The Falls.

- Will participate in 2 local grade schools' back to school night.

- District will hold its annual Ice Cream Social in August – the event is free to the public.

C) Fire Marshal Mark Morrison:

- Fire Prevention Bureau:

- The Easter Bunny Photo event had over 700 attendees; Sr. Michaleen was thanked for her ongoing help with this annual event.

- Senior luncheons continue this fall with the topic being Cooking Safety; and also holding a round-table with questions.

- The District's annual Fire Safety Day is scheduled for October 6 at Kohl's Parking Lot.

- Santa Pictures will be held in December; Jim Frain agreed to be Santa again.

- The District currently has 7,498 followers on Facebook.

- Fire Prevention Clerk Payne is retiring after 30+ years with the District.

- Reviewed construction projects that include an apartment complex; nursing home; and a medical marijuana facility has been making inquiries. Discussion of the complexities of a medical marijuana facility and possible hazards. Fire Marshal Morrison is continuing to learn about this.

D) Chief Vineyard

- Financial Overview:

The District is in good financial shape; currently working on the 2020 Budget. This is a reassessment year. District is at 10% growth on assessed valuation, however, Hancock Amendment doesn't allow that, the most the District can collect is 1.9%.

Stations #3 and #4 renovations are complete. Will plan on holding the next CPC meeting at Station #4.

Six additional firefighter-paramedics were hired and now disbursed throughout the District; all apparatus is now staffed by 5 firefighters, 4 are fully ALS 95% of the time.

The District is going in a good direction; Chief Vineyard thanked members for moving forward.

Jim Frain asked if there were any concerns; and Dr. Ottomeyer asked about next year's goals. Chief Vineyard said everything is going extremely well and he appreciates the Citizen Planning Committee's Support. All stations are completed and nothing is needed on the North side of town in the near future.

Jim Frain asked if there were any subdivisions the fire trucks has difficulty maneuvering through; Chief Vineyard said there were a few areas, but for the most part the fire trucks can maneuver where they need to go.

Discussion held on the proposed Turtle Creek Development. Fire Marshal Morrison and Chief Vineyard stated the District would be able to provide fire service to it. Chief Vineyard explained the District can't issue Permits for structures as long as they're viewed as residential, even though they may be rental units.

5. Unfinished Business

- None.

6. New Business

- Congratulations were given to Dr. Jim Ottomeyer and to Jim Cook's wife, Debbie Cook, for being voted to the O'Fallon City Council.
- Jamie Cronk stated that firefighters did a good job at a recent motorcycle fire in St. Charles.
- Jim Frain stated that firefighters saved Notre Dame and many of its artifacts in its recent fire.

7. Good of the Order

- Dr. Ottomeyer encouraged all to visit Ella's Lemonade Stand at the O'Fallon Veterans Museum, and to tour the newly opened Museum.
- Sr. Michaleen complimented the District on its new Emblem.

8. Next CPC Meeting

Dr. Ottomeyer announced the next CPC meeting is set for Monday, October 28, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Station #4.

Dr. Ottomeyer called for meeting adjournment. All members present were in favor of adjournment, none opposed; Absent: Donahue, Moore, Rector.

There being no further business, Dr. Ottomeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.


Karen J. Lucido, Administrative Assistant