



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 843. Golden Colorado. 80403

Meeting Meetings

(DRAFT)

July 20, 2023 7:00 PM

Board Meeting

IN PERSON:

Station 81
32360 Robinson Hill Road
Golden CO 80403

Recorded Session:

• **Board Members Present**

- President Deb Curlee
- Vice President and Treasurer Niffy Ovuworie
- Secretary Marith Reheis
- Member Dave Primmer
- Member Steve Green

• **Meeting Called to Order**

- 7:02 PM MST

• **Conflict of Interest Affirmations**

- None

• **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- June 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes – **Passes with noted revision re: Ballot A discussion**
 - Yes (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis); Nay (Steve Green); Abstain (Dave Primmer)
 - Primmer notes that he did not vote for officer positions on the new board (Green did not vote as he was not present at that meeting); also that Ovuworie is holding position of Treasurer but Chris Creech is producing financial reports

• **Chief's Report** – Important points (see report posted on website for more details):

- GGFPD will need to revise our Community Wildfire Protection Plan, needed for Firewise, etc.
- Four new support services volunteers and one pending; will report to Chief.
 - Financial officer (bookkeeper)—Chris Creech
 - Human Resources officer—Val Baughman
 - Community Outreach coordinator—Terri Costeldia
 - Public Information officer (website, social media, etc.)—Becca Causey
 - Family Information officer (pending)
- Firefighter Brian Gockel appointed as Lieutenant for Station 83 (probationary for now)
- Firefighter and EMT Nicole Daniel will be resident at Station 82
- UTV at Station 81 is in shop for evaluation of several problems, may need replacement
- EMS Services are having difficulty with staffing paramedics
- Green asked about water at Station 803. Chief stated that water on adjacent property is private and further discussion with owner will be needed

- **Discussions**

- Website posting policy – State-hosted website portal will be ready by October 29.
 - Chief Benson will approve fire department postings, firefighters can send photos and similar items to website manager directly
 - Proposed board postings, after board discussion and vote, will be approved by Board President. Primmer and Green disagree and request a written SOP for how to post on website, as they do not feel they have equal access
- 2024 budget process – Two budgets must be created due to possible changes as a result of November election
 - Chief Benson has asked firefighters to propose projects to be drawn on capital funds in consultation with budget committee
- Impact fees – Chief Benson opens consideration of imposing impact fees for new residential or commercial construction. New development has impact on district services; fees would be placed in a special capital fund, not used for operations. Requires hiring a consultant to conduct an impact nexus study. Initial funds collected would pay for consultant fee
 - Dave Primmer and Steve Green are opposed to impact fees
 - Green commented that Jeffco Open Space has the biggest impact on our district, and that impact fees on residents seems unfair

- **Motions**

- Create budget committee – Presented by Niffy Ovuworie with Second by Deb Curlee – **Passes**
 - Yes (Niffy Ovuworie, Dave Primmer, Deb Curlee, Marith Reheis); Abstain (Steve Green)
 - Committee members: Niffy Ovuworie, Dave Primmer, Kyle Benson, Chris Creech, and a firefighter to be named. Green commented that the community should be represented
- Motion to pass resolution governing the use of Ballot A – Presented by Dave Primmer with Second by Marith Reheis (resolution written by community member Jan Snyder) – **Passes**
 - Limited discussion because all are in favor of the resolution. Vote is unanimous in favor with all voting yes
 - Resolution will be filed with Department of Legal Affairs and with Jefferson County as required

- **Adjourn**

- Yes (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis); Nay (Dave Primmer, Steve Green)

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