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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Regular Meeting

10:00 A.M. – Monday, July 11, 2022

Fire Station #14 – 1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Morrell called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie (Fire District 25)

Marcus Morrell, Chair (Fire District 25)

Ryan McIrvin, Vice Chair (City of Renton)

Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)

Valerie O'Halloran (City of Renton)

Ruth Pérez, (City of Renton)

Linda Sartnurak (Non-Voting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

Administrative Staff Present:

Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Deputy Chief William Aho, Facilities Manager Scott Murphy, Communications Manager Katie Lewis, Site Reliability Engineers Wyatt Humphreys and Javier Esparza, Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings, Administrative Specialist Samantha Vergara, and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

Public Present:

Kinnon Williams

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

It was requested that the Resolution of Eminent Domain under New Business be removed from the agenda.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member McIrvin and **SECONDED** by Board Member Abercrombie to remove the resolution from the agenda under New Business. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Promotional Ceremony

- Patrick Boltz – FF to Engineer
- Zachary Forghani – FF to Engineer
- Garrett Kimbrel – FF to Engineer

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member McIrvine and **SECONDED** by Board Member Abercrombie to approve the consent agenda for July 11, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

SIGNING OF VOUCHERS

The Governance Board members signed the Voucher Approval letter for July 11, 2022.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Board Committee reports.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Heitman provided an overview of the Chief's Report.

Board Member O'Halloran inquired about the participation at the Don Persson Activity Center and whether the topic of FD Cares was included. Chief Heitman stated there were between 20-25 attendees and FD Cares was a topic of discussion.

Board Member Abercrombie inquired about the hiring update and how the RFA negotiated with other agencies on candidate selection. Chief Heitman stated all candidates rank the agencies based on their preference.

DIVISION REPORTS

Administration (Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich)

- Final interviews for a new Administrative Specialist are scheduled this week.
- The new Finance Assistant is doing well and has enrolled in school for an accounting degree.
- Administration and Planning began working with Lexipol two weeks ago to revamp the RFA's policies and procedures.

EMS/Health Safety (Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith)

- Hospitals in the area are experiencing low staffing and ER turnaround times are at historical highs (1 hour/ 5 hour, respectively).
- Firefighter "Scenes of Violence" training begins. New King County (KC) data shows an annual 15% increase in gun/stabbing incidents for the RFA.
- The RFA was awarded grant funds totaling \$6,400 from Washington State DOH, L&I and Medic One Foundation for new training and safety equipment.
- KC EMS is known nationally for having the highest CPR survival rates. RRFA is recognized as the leader in survival rates among KC fire departments, with 8 community members favorably discharged YTD through April 2022.

Office of the Fire Marshal (Fire Marshal Anjela Barton)

- Fire Marshal Barton provided an overview of the June OFM report.

Support Services (Deputy Chief Mark Seaver)

- The Station 14/OFM remodel is ahead of schedule. Station 11 is completed except for the doors. The Station 13 tenant improvement project is waiting on the architect to finalize the plans.

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- Apparatus Update: The engines are currently in Tacoma. Once they arrive in Renton, the engines will be outfitted. The new brush rig will be ready at the end of the week, after radios are installed and final inspections completed.

Response Operations (Deputy Chief Will Aho)

- DC Aho briefed the Board on two incidents:
 - Fatality incident that occurred on the Green River in the south end out of Black Diamond and encouraged the community to be smart when in the water. Use life vests, swim buddies, staying alert.
 - Fatality during a fire: The death was a drug-related overdose, not from the fire.
- July 4th Recap: No incidents to report. First year for King County fireworks ban.
- The RFA is part of the planning process for Renton River Days and will be participating in the parade with apparatus and Chief Heitman included. The new brush truck will be displayed at the event.
- Saturday, July 16th is the Seattle-to-Portland bicycle race with about 6,000 riders. The route takes them through Renton. The bulk of this ride is between 6-7:00 am and should have minimal impact to Renton traffic. The STP event will provide their own medical staff for the participants.

Board Member Abercrombie inquired on the July 2nd incident with the car driving into the Plum Delicious building. DC Aho stated the driver drove into the restaurant, one patient was taken to a local hospital and seven others were taken to Harborview Medical Center with varying states of injuries – none were critical.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ready Rebound Recover Agreement

Ready Rebound Recover helps navigate finding orthopedic surgeons, getting MRIs for both on the job and off the job injuries for the entire RFA staff and their immediate family members. This service is helpful in lowering the number of days we miss due to injuries. In order for the RFA to continue these services, the RFA asks the Board to approve the proposal/statement of work for the next three years (2023-2025).

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member O'Halloran and **SECONDED** by Vice Chair McIrvine to authorize the Fire Chief to sign a 3-year proposal/statement of work for Ready Rebound for a total cost over three (3) years of \$147,224.31. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

Door Access/Video Surveillance System Purchase

To address recent safety concerns and to upgrade door access for all fire stations. The RFA proposes a cloud-based system for card access (multi-technology card readers) to all exterior doors as well as strategically placed video cameras for security purposes. We requested a motion at the KCFD #40

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Commissioner's Meeting to authorize Capital funds to reimburse RRFA for the itemized costs for Station 17. Station 16 will be completed during the rebuild.

A **MOTION** was made by Vice Chair McIrvine and **SECONDED** by Board Member Abercrombie to start the bidding process for the installation of a new station access and video security system. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There was no good of the order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

Executive session was called at 10:42 am for 20 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 11:05 am.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, July 25, 2022, 9:00 am, Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, July 25, 2022, 10:30 am, Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, August 8, 2022, 10:00 am, Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton) / Video Conference

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.



[Marcus Morrell \(Aug 9, 2022 11:50 HST\)](#)

Marcus Morrell, Board Chair



[Samantha Vergara \(Aug 9, 2022 14:46 PDT\)](#)

Samantha Vergara, Board Secretary