

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

Monday, April 25, 2022 – Station #4 (1306 Sunview Dr)

1. Dr. Ottomeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** (Acting Recording Secretary noted attendees)

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

Guests:

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Ottomeyer asked for any questions or comments regarding the January 24, 2022 minutes of the Citizen Planning Committee Meeting. There being no further questions, Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Worman. All members present were in favor of approving the January 24, 2022 minutes as presented; none opposed; Absent: Buck, Cook, Director Gober, Jimmy Loveless, AC Parrish, and Jim Worman.

MOTION PASSES.

4. **Reports:**

A) Assistant Chief Matt Braile

- Equipment - We received our forceable entry prop and have started training the crews on the tool. The district is gearing up to do the annual mass casualty event with St. Charles County. This year the mass casualty event will be simulating a school bus accident. This gives the fire departments, police departments, hospitals, and ambulances an opportunity to work together and make sure we have plans in place for when an event like this occurs.

C) Fire Marshal Mark Morrison:

- Inspections: We are currently doing warehouses, factories, churches and fires stations, and nursing homes.

-Fire Prevention Bureau: - Fire Inspector Ellison is retiring after 23 years, her last day will be July 14, 2022. She did an outstanding job at working with the community and contractors, so she will surely be missed. We will be replacing her position this summer. Fire Safety Day is planned for October 9, 2022 in kohls parking lot. The Santa Claus photos are currently planned for December as long as Covid does not hinder anything.

D) Chief Vineyard:
-Financial Overview:

- District is in solid financial shape and continues to build its Reserves.
-The District had 9 employees retiree, we were able to bring on 8 new employees, we also were able to bring on Julie Gaylord as our new Executive Administrative Assistant, Julie will be replacing Karen and helping AC Parrish with some of the Human Resource responsibilities of the district. The District also promoted 8 captains. The District has seen a lot of transition in the last year and that is all thanks to the citizens who voted in our pension tax.

The District has also opted in to the Missouri Critical Illness Cancer pool that was passed by the Senate last year. Missouri has set aside 5million dollars for the pool, and it works like an Aflac plan. The way the plan works is if a firefighter is diagnosed with one of the 16 types of cancers that are listed in the pool they can submit a plan and the max benefit amount is \$300,000 to help offset some of the financial burden that happens when they start treatment.

Another hot topic right now is the property tax bill that is floating around Jefferson City. The bill would phase out personal property tax for St. Charles County only over the next few years. If this bill were to pass our budget would be greatly affected as personal property makes up about 18% of our operating budget. We will continue to keep you all updated on how this plays out in the House.

-Operations:

COVID-19 protocols remain in place.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Good of the Order**

- Director Laughlin thanked CPC members for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in the CPC, and he and District members appreciate hearing what they have to say.

8. **Next CPC Meeting**

The next CPC meeting is set for Monday, July 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Ottomeyer called for meeting adjournment. A motion was made by Dr. Michaleen, seconded by Director Laughlin to adjourn; All members present were in favor of adjourning; none opposed; **MOTION PASSES.**

There being no further business, Dr. Ottomeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.



Julie A. Gaylord, Executive Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary