

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

Monday, October 24, 2022 – Administration Bldg (111 Laura K Dr)

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

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

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

**Guests:**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

President Ottomeyer asked for any questions or comments regarding the July 25, 2022 minutes of the Citizen Planning Committee Meeting. There being no further questions, Chief Vineyard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jamie Cronk. All members present were in favor of approving the July 25, 2022 minutes as presented; none opposed; Absent: Donahue, Graceffa, Rector, and Reiter **MOTION PASSES.**

4. **Reports:**

A) Assistant Chief Matt Braile

- Equipment - There have been no upgrades or issues with any equipment since the last CPC meeting.

Training: The crews have been hard at work with training. Recently the crews attended Mental Health training that was put on by the firefighters Local 2665. Mental Health has become a big talking point in the Fire Service lately so we want our firefighters to feel they have the support they need. Crews also went through training on confined spaces, vehicle extraction, and hazardous materials.

B) Assistant Chief Andy Parrish

- Website – We are looking to update our website at the beginning of the year to get it more up to date with current trends. Updating our website will allow easier access for our administrative staff to post content along with forms and online payments.

Outreach –Assistant Chief Parrish showed a slide show of pictures to show what our Community Outreach has been up to along with pictures of some of the recent calls our crews have had. Pictures that were shown involved the flooding that occurred on July 26, 2022, the fire that occurred in Madison, IL, O'Fallon's

Community Outreach Golf Tournament, Back to School BBQ Events, Safety Day 2022, and the Veteran's Museum tribute wall where our crews and honor guard participated in the opening and closing ceremony.

C) Fire Marshal Mark Morrison:

-Fire Prevention Bureau: - Fire Marshal Morrison

-A senior luncheon was held at Woodbury Estates in September and Fire Prevention attended. Fire Safety Day was on October 9, 2022 and was very successful, this year we had a larger crowd and included people of all ages. Fire Prevention will begin annual inspections starting with restaurants, bars, and night clubs. Santa at the Fire Station will happen on Dec 3, 4, and 5 at Station 4.

D) Chief Vineyard:

-Financial Overview:

- We had our Public Hearing in September to set the tax rate. The district is going to go for a no tax increase bond issue in April. The bond will probably be in the amount of 14 million. The funds will be set aside for capital projects. Our previous bond was extinguished 2 years ago which means that all the equipment and other high dollar items have been coming out of our general fund. In order to keep the district current and not depleting our general fund the bond is necessary.

-Operations:

COVID-19 protocols remain in place.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:**

The district will be back to doing its Annual Awards Banquet which is set to happen this year on October 28, 2023.

7. **Good of the Order**

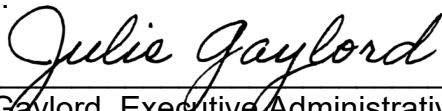
- Director Laughlin thanked CPC members for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in the CPC, and he and District members appreciate hearing what they have to say.

8. **Next CPC Meeting**

The next CPC meeting is set for Monday, January 24, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

There being no further business, Director Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



Julie A. Gaylord, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Recording Secretary

