

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Emergency Services Succession Committee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 7, 2017- 5:30PM

Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

Committee Member Attendees: Leah Green, Eric Dreikosen, Tom Roach, Brandon Selvitella, Greg Stilson, Jeff Naylor, Dan Curran

Others: Ryan Brackett, Sean Day, Brian Smith, Cesar Correa, Bob Briare, Linda Barnello

Description
Meeting called to Order at 5:35PM
Review Agenda -Adopted as presented
Minutes of October 3, 2017 ESS Committee Meeting – M/s Naylor/Stilson to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Committee Membership Update -There have been no additions to the committee while there have been some indications from a couple of people. The Chief will reach out to one individual who may be interested. The question of adding an additional firefighter was raised. The current committee was split on this idea but seemed unanimous that the concept of having a second employee vote on the committee was not necessary as the committee itself has no authority but to research facts, present and recommend certain actions to the Board. Dan Curran was appointed to serve on the subcommittee for discussions with other departments.
Committee Reports
1. Financial Trends and Drivers - Presentation derived from three previous CalPERS Pension Valuations delivered along with article reflecting the widespread issue of public pension liabilities. This data showed that pensions are routinely one of the primary drivers toward insolvency. Representatives from the employee group questioned the reason for presenting the data and the validity of one of the state reports. The object of this presentation was to inform our citizens of the financial burdens which may necessitate significant change in how Marinwood delivers Emergency Services. Work on the 10 year income statement has progressed and should be ready for the next committee meeting.
2. Operational Considerations - No report
3. Template of Services/Costs - No report- The Chief has independently begun to list his job activities and other items which will be useful as a guide for discussions with other ES entities. This template is a precursor to initiating any discussions.
4. Administrative and Legal Planning – No meeting yet Eric set up an ess@marinwood.org email for communication with committee.
Additional Items for Discussion and Evaluation - None
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Linda suggested that the committee ramp up communication to include articles in the Marin IJ. The committee will discuss a plan to start getting the word out. Past practice of direct mailers to community households may be a consideration but is a costly one.

Requests for Future Agenda Items-

Communication Plan

Reports/Status for future meetings to Eric by Wednesday before the meeting or no later than Thursday at noon to make it into the meeting packet.

Make sure that each subcommittee has a [lead] responsible for scheduling meetings and issuing reports

Financial Trends and Drivers – Eric, [Jeff] and Greg

Evaluate Operational Considerations- Tom, [Jeff] and Greg

Define Template of services/costs to use in discussions with potential service providers- [Tom], Eric and Brandon

Discussions with other departments can include San Rafael, Novato and County Fire and could include mergers, outsourcing and leveraging shared services. – [Leah], Tom and Dan

Administrative and Legal Planning for alternative solutions- [Leah], Tom and Eric

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

Dan proposed flexibility in the meeting start time as this session ended a half hour before the fire commission meeting start. This idea has merit particularly when there is no fire commission meeting but does possibly invite confusion if we are successful in gaining more interest from the community with varying meeting times.