Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Combined with Loveland Rural District Board
Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
Fire Administration Building (FAB)
Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 2nd Floor
410 E. 5th St., Loveland, CO 80537

5:30 p.m.

Citizen Award: None

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:45 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Paul Pfeiffer, David (Dave) Adams, Eugene (Gene) Culbertson, Bob Boggio, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Division Chief Ned Sparks.

FRAC Absent: William Tillman

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Jon Smela
The minutes for the October 09, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

City Council updates: presented by Mayor Cecil Gutierrez
- There will be a new council from the November election; one new council member (Troy Krenning- Ward !) and a new Mayor Pro Tem
- The Council’s focus has been mostly on the 2013 Flood and the recovery efforts for the City of Loveland. The 2014 City Budget has also been a major focus for Council.
- There were no notable questions for the Mayor from commission members.

Rural District Board Updates: presented by Rural Board Member Andy Anderson
- The key points from the November LRFPD Meeting were shared:
  - The 2014 Fire Authority Budget was approved by the Rural Board
  - The Rural Board approved a monthly increase of $50.00 per month for retired firefighters from the Consolidated Volunteer Pension Fund. This request was submitted by the Consolidated Volunteer Pension Board on behalf of its membership.
**Budget Biz:** presented by Chief Mirowski
- The third quarter *Budget Biz Report* was handed out to FRAC members by Chief Mirowski.
- No presentation was made, but if commission members had any questions related to the budget, or information contained within the report, they are encouraged to contact Renee Wheeler, Public Safety Administrative Director, for LFRA.

**Chief Updates:** presented by Chief Randy Mirowski
- The chief reviewed the monthly Fire Chief’s Report, as submitted to FRAC; there were no questions or follow-up from the submitted report.
- The chief updated the commission on the progress for building new fire station two; bid openings are scheduled for 11-14-13.
- Chief Mirowski updated FRAC on the resignation of Lisa Burkland; Lisa is pursuing an employment opportunity in Fort Collins. A search is underway for her replacement using the City of Loveland’s hiring process through Neogov.
- No other reports from the fire chief were submitted.

**Vice-Chairman Position:** presented by Chair Jon Smela
- Bob Boggio was nominated and voted in by the attending commission members as the new Vice Chairman for FRAC.

**Recruiting New Commission Members:** presented by Chair Jon Smela
- Jon reminded all commission members that recruiting season for boards and commissions is upon us and he urged all members to talk with people they know that could be god future FRAC members.

**Residential Fire Sprinklers:** presented by Chair Smela
- Jon led the discussion related to the updates and “next steps” for the Residential Fire Sprinkler program for LFRA (City of Loveland) from the October Meeting.
- Dave Adams handed out some information related to residential fire sprinklers that he obtained at a recent conference that he attended.
- Lengthy discussion with the group relating to the residential sprinkler program, FRAC’s role concerning public education and the interface between the commission and the sprinkler steering committee. Some concerns were raised about the lack of clarity in the program and what the plan. The fire chief responded that this program is a work in progress with stated goals that were approved by the City Council, but there is still quite a bit of ambiguity within the program related to how the program will develop and what the overall plan will be; the steering committee will play a role in helping to define that plan.
- Paul presented a very informative power point and video presentation to the commission on the makeup of the different types of residential sprinkler systems and their positive and negative aspects. Several questions were asked by commission members.
- We will have an update and progress report for the group at the December 11th meeting.
Public Comment/Presentation: No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chief Mirowski.

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