

Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2016
(Approved June 1, 2016)

1. **Opening Ceremonies**

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 6:32 P.M. on May 18, 2016 in the Hacienda Mosaic Room, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, California. Director Evans was absent. President Anderson called the meeting to order.

Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Anderson	Director Weil
Director Barber	Gloriann Sasser, Admin Srvc Director
Director Famulener	Grace Santos, District Clerk

2. **Public Comment**

There were no comments.

3. **Closed Sesstion**

At 6:32 P.M., the Board adjourned into Closed Session.

4. **Reconvene The Meeting**

President Anderson reconvened the regular business meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors at 7:06 P.M. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

Director Anderson	Director Weil	Gloriann Sasser, Admin Srvc Director
Director Barber	Jerry Lee, Battalion Chief	Grace Santos, District Clerk
Director Famulener	Kathy Leonard, Fire Marshal	

5. **Report of Closed Session Action**

There was no reportable action taken during Closed Session on items 3.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators and 3.2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators.

6. **Public Comment**

Richard Olsen, resident of Moraga, commented on the City Ventures proposed Moraga Center development project, next to and behind Station 41 and the MOFD training center. At the May 11, 2016, Moraga Town Council meeting, the Town Council approved doubling the development fees for larger units, which would apply to the City Ventures project. The City Ventures Development Manager, Charity Wagner, said that they might consider switching to smaller, denser units. At the Moraga Town Planning Commission meeting on May 16, 2016, Planning Director Ellen Clark advised the Commission that City Ventures would be back in June to seek approval of a general development proposed plan map.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Director Weil and seconded by Director Barber to receive and file Items 7.1 – Meeting Minutes, 7.2 – Monthly Incident Report, 7.3 – Monthly Financial Report, and 7.4 – Monthly Check/Voucher Register. Said motion carried a unanimous 4-0 roll-call vote (Ayes: Anderson, Barber, Famulener and Weil; Absent: Evans).

8. Regular Calendar

8.1 Public Hearing on Exterior Hazard Control Notices (Weed Abatement)

On April 15, 2016, the District mailed approximately 13,422 notices to the owners of properties located within the District. Ordinance 13-01 requires the Board to conduct a public hearing after the notices are sent and prior to the compliance date for the purpose of receiving comments as to why the order should not be enforced.

President Anderson opened up the public hearing to accept comments from the public. There were no comments from the public. Director Anderson closed the public hearing and directed staff to proceed with the exterior hazard control process.

Motion by Director Weil and seconded by Director Barber to direct staff to proceed with the exterior hazard control process. Said motion carried a unanimous 4-0 roll-call vote (Ayes: Anderson, Barber, Famulener and Weil; Absent: Evans).

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Finance Committee (*Directors Barber & Weil*)

Director Barber reported that staff presented a thorough, well-put together presentation at the Finance Committee meeting on May 9, 2016. Members of the public attended the meeting and provided their input.

Director Weil reported that there were three public presentations regarding the perceived inequities of the fire flow tax. He added that President Anderson attended not as a board member, but as a member of the public, and voiced his concern as well.

President Anderson, commenting as a member of the public, stated that it is important for the District to recognize the public's concerns and allow them an opportunity to present their information at a public workshop. He suggested that the Finance Committee schedule a public workshop where the public can freely present their ideas, concerns, and have a discussion with the Committee.

Director Barber reported that the Finance Committee directed Chief Healy to present data at a future Finance Committee meeting. Director Barber suggested that the Finance Committee work with staff to schedule a meeting so that the Chief may present the information.

10. Announcements

10.1 Brief information only reports related to meetings attended by a Director at District expense

(Government Code Section 53232.3(d))

There was nothing to report.

10.2 Questions and informational comments from Board members and Staff

Director Weil asked that a member of staff attend all Moraga Town meetings whenever the City Ventures proposed project is being discussed or acted upon, and report any information back to Chief Healy. Chief Healy can then bring pertinent information back to the Board for any required action.

Fire Marshal Leonard stated that she would be happy to attend any meetings concerning the City Ventures project and will report the information back to Chief Healy.

Richard Olsen, Moraga resident, stated that he was hoping Chief Healy would be present to hear information about a LAFCO report.

Director Weil stated that a partner from his firm lives two doors down from the fire that occurred on Sandringham Drive. She awoke in the middle of the night from an explosion.

They were worried about whether the fire would spread to other homes but the District and all personnel did a remarkable job keeping everything under control.

Battalion Chief Lee stated that the fire is still under investigation.

11. Adjournment

At 7:32 P.M., President Anderson called for adjournment of the regular meeting.



Grace Santos
Secretary to the Board

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