



Sedona Fire District

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SFD CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Station #1 – 2860 Southwest Drive – Sedona – Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 / 9:00 AM

~ MINUTES~

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Committee Present: *Citizens* – Gary Johnson; Lonnie Lillie; Caryn Maxwell; Gene McCarthy; Wendy Tanzer; Dave Watters

Staff – Firefighter Greg Eberlein; Captain Pat Ojeda; HR Manager Betty Johnson

Committee Absent: SFD Board Member Tim Ernster

Others Present: Fire Chief Kris Kazian; Tricia Greer – Recorder to Board; Ron Eland – *Red Rock News*;
1 Citizen

Acting Committee Chairman Dave Watters called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Fire Chief Kris Kazian welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all to use the microphones for recording purposes. He said as Mr. Ernster is out of town, Mr. Watters will be Acting Chairman today. He said we encourage the public's participation in this process and will include a Call to the Public for comments.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. Watters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA.

III. OPEN MEETING LAW REVIEW

Executive Assistant Tricia Greer (Recorder to the Committee) presented a review of the Arizona Open Meeting Laws, as this committee was appointed by the elected Fire Board and are, essentially, an extension of those elected officials.

IV. ARBINGER TEAM TRAINING

Battalion Chief Jayson Coil informed the committee that SFD employees are undergoing leadership and organizational training through Arbinger and gave a brief overview of the program and its "outward mindset" philosophy, which will be utilized during this Citizens' Advisory Committee process.

V. OVERVIEW OF FIRE DISTRICT HISTORY

Chief Kazian presented a PowerPoint program on the history of the district, mapping and station locations, fire service and EMS standards, call history, types of calls, capital projects, legislative concerns, and previous citizens' committee findings. (Note: This very informative program can be accessed on the SFD website at www.sedonafire.org – either to watch in the meeting video or to view.)

VI. GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND – REASONS TO CONSIDER

Chief Kazian moved to the last item and asked if there were any questions. Mrs. Tanzer commented in the past, 5 and 10 year plans were made and regardless of the number of fire chiefs that changed during that time, the bottom line is there was money set aside that subsequent Boards decided to use in a different manner – setting SFD up for the current situation. She asked would money be specifically allocated so that a future Board that might not agree with the decisions made by this Board be available for them to spend down yet again, or would the assets be used as planned; Chief Kazian responded if this Board moved forward with a General Obligation Bond (GOB), it would decide the specific amount to allocate, and if it is approved by the voters, that amount would be restricted to the types of capital items eligible to be purchased under the GOB. A future Board, however, could decide there

was no need for the remaining amounts designated in the GOB and not exercise that purchase, which means that bond would never become a debt to the citizens. Mrs. Tanzer asked, though, could a future Board just lower the mil rate and use the funds elsewhere; Chief Kazian said that is not an option because it has to be used for capital.

Chief Kazian said exploring our options, including a GOB, is part of doing our due diligence to talk about a successful plan for the district moving forward into the next two to three decades, and this committee will have the opportunity for much greater discussion in its subsequent meetings. He said we will need to understand all the pros and cons of “who/how/why”.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. Public Forum:

- 1. Public Comments.**
- 2. Executive Staff Response to Public Comments.**

No one requested to address the Committee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Original signed by Tricia Greer

Tricia Greer, Recording Clerk to the Committee