

**REGULAR MEETING OF
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tuesday, October 22, 2019
ONE TWIN PINES LANE
BELMONT, CALIFORNIA**

(Note: Belmont Fire Protection District meeting held concurrent with the City Council Meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Mates, Lieberman, Stone, Hurt

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: None

ITEM APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of Regular Belmont Fire Protection District Meeting of September 10, 2019

ACTION: On a motion by Director Mates, seconded by Director Stone, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update on the Wildland Fire Mitigation Efforts

Fire Marshal Marshall noted that fire staff is working on completing wildfire assessment maps, and that there will be a web interface available for the public. He explained the need to develop an ordinance that will adopt risk mitigation standards in various zones. He stated that the department is seeking hazardous mitigation grants. He noted that public agencies will need to mitigate fire risk on public lands to reduce risk, including in the open space. He described the regional project that is under way to develop an evacuation plan and outlined ways that residents can reduce fire danger around their home.

Director McCune expressed support and the need for inclusion of an evacuation plan.

Board President Hurt expressed the need for a robust communication plan.

Director Lieberman noted that insurance rates are likely to be impacted once maps are updated, and that outreach is important.

Marshal Marshall pointed out that if neighborhoods reduce their fire risk, it could mitigate increased insurance costs.

Director Mates expressed the need to address emergencies that occur during the school day, as well as the need to address schools in evacuation plans. Marshal Marshall explained that schools, hospitals, senior and other facilities are included in evacuation plans.

In response to Director Mates, Marshal Marshall indicated that grants are likely to be awarded if communities have partnered regionally.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for public outreach, planning, and practice evacuations.

In response to Board President Hurt, Marshal Marshall outlined an abatement program that is under way. He pointed out this is usually handled by the City's code enforcement.

Introduction to Building Code Ordinance and Fire Code Ratification (Concurrent item on City Council Agenda for same date)

Community Development Director de Melo explained that the City Council is being asked to set a public hearing for November 12 for the introduction of new building and fire codes.

Building Official Francesconi explained the requirement for the triennial code adoption. He pointed out that new regulations go into effect on January 1, 2020. He outlined some of the components of the new regulations.

Councilmember McCune noted the need to provide easy-to-read publications for the public. Building Official Francesconi explained that the City of Belmont follows prescribed State codes, and that much of the information and the procedures are available on City's website.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 9:35 P.M.

**Terri Cook
District Secretary**