



REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
March 5, 2015

Present: Jay Covington, Chief Admin Officer
Ed Prince (Chair), Renton City Council
Armondo Pavone, Renton City Council
Marcie Palmer, Renton City Council
Iwen Wang, FIT Administrator
Linda Sartnurak, KCFD #40

Mark Peterson, Fire Chief
Myron Meikle, KCFD #25
Kerry Abercrombie, KCFD #25
Ray Barilleaux, KCFD #25
FF Brett Bigger, Local 864
Lt. Will Aho, Local 864
Julie Bray, Fire District Liaison

1. The Committee meeting was convened at 1400 hours.
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Commissioner Meikle made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the January 22nd, 2015 meeting. **Seconded** by Councilmember Pavone. **Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Process for Adopting RFA Plan Sections** – Chief Peterson reminded the Committee that proper process must be followed in order to approve and part of the plan. A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pavone to approve Section 7 (Organizational Structure), discussed at the previous meeting. **Seconded** by Councilmember Palmer. **Motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Governance Board** – Chief Peterson felt that the balance of power should be addressed in the by-laws, rather than the RFA Plan. He discussed the issue with VRFA, which is made up of the City of Auburn and two smaller cities of Algona and Pacific and they have not experienced any problems. They all work together as a partnership for the betterment of the community. After discussion, the Committee agreed that there should be a maximum of 9 Board members. It was also agreed that each entity should have equal representation in the beginning; if there was a large shift in the population later, the Board would address it then. The Plan is a living document and will change over time. Chief Peterson read through Section 5 of the Plan (Governance). A **motion** was made by Commissioner Meikle to approve the section as read. **Seconded** by Councilmember Pavone. **Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **RFA Citizen's Advisory Board Recap** – Chief Peterson gave a brief recap of their last meeting. The Citizens are asking good questions and voicing some concerns. A question arose about one of the Board members contacting Chief Peterson directly by email. That will be addressed at the next meeting. Commissioner Meikle commented that the recent article in the Renton Reporter raised a lot of questions. He suggested possibly using the paper as a conduit to get information out to the public. Chief Peterson also suggested a community and business outreach strategy.

6. **Miscellaneous** – Councilmember Palmer requested a timeline for approving/adopting sections of the plan using April 16th as the end of the timeline, and identifying other ballot issues that the RFA will be on the ballot with (such as the County-wide radio replacement). Chief Peterson will present it to the Committee at the next meeting.

Future Meeting Dates and Times – The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2nd, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Recorded by:

Julie Bray, District #25 Liaison