



REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
April 2, 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
Jon Parkinson, KCFD #20 (Interim Chief)

Mark Peterson, Fire Chief
Chad Michael, Deputy Chief
Kerry Abercrombie, KCFD #25
Ray Barilleaux, KCFD #25
Myron Meikle, KCFD #25
Lt. Steve Winter, Local 864
Lt. Will Aho, Local 864
Julie Bray, Fire District Liaison

1. The Committee meeting convened at 1400 hours.
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Commissioner Meikle made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the March 5th, 2015 meeting with a change in the 3rd point from “in” to “any”. **Seconded** by Councilmember Pavone. **Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Approval of RFA Plan Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4:**
 - Section 1 – Ability to Respond** – Commissioner Barilleaux felt the wording was inappropriate and negative. Lt. Winter felt that it speaks to falling revenue and higher demand; our ability to keep up has been diminished.
 - Section 1, #4** – Councilmember Palmer mentioned that the section deals with services to the citizens it doesn’t include the businesses. She requested that the wording be changed to “community”.
 - Section 2, #1.6** – Commissioner Meikle was concerned about the term “interlocal”. Chief Peterson explained that it referred to the infrastructure associated with the RFA (shops, finance, etc.).

Motions to Approve:

 - Section 1** – **Motion** made by Councilmember Pavone; **seconded** by Councilmember Palmer. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Section 2** – **Motion** made by Councilmember Pavone; **seconded** by Commissioner Meikle. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Section 3** – **Motion** made by Councilmember Pavone; **seconded** by Councilmember Palmer. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Section 4** – **Motion** made by Councilmember Pavone subject to approved City Attorney language ; **seconded** by Councilmember Palmer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. **RFA Name Proposals** – Lt. Aho presented a list that was developed after polling the Department. He felt the name should be inclusive and regionalized. After much discussion, the possible names were reduced to either Cedar River Regional Fire and Emergency Services Authority or South Lake Washington Regional Fire & Emergency Services Authority. Commissioner Meikle suggested running it through the Citizen’s Advisory Committee. It was agreed by the Committee to run it past the Citizen’s Advisory Committee, then poll the Department. Chief Peterson will bring the results back to the next meeting.
5. **Time Line** – Chief Peterson went through the time line (attached). He didn’t feel that the information should be out too early. Currently, the RFA proposal is scheduled to go before the voters in April 2016.
6. **RFA Citizen’s Advisory Committee Recap** – DC Michael gave a recap of the last meeting. The main discussion focused around the cost of the RFA. The question arose if the option to join the Kent RFA was explored. Iwen explained that Kent currently collects approximately \$2.10/1000 and there is a concern regarding how Renton’s needs would be prioritized. The Board was very engaged and will have their last meeting on April 23rd.
 - Commissioner Abercrombie was concerned that the Citizen’s Advisory Committee was getting more information than the Planning Committee; Commissioner Meikle concurred. DC Michael will give a presentation at the next District #25 Commissioner’s meeting on April 21st.
 - Commissioner Meikle asked about the proactive risk reduction:
 - Inspections - we have 5 inspectors for the entire City. They have had to prioritize their inspections in order to address the higher risk buildings.
 - Public Education – we have no formal program, however, the on-duty crews do a lot of community outreach (Heart Month, HOA Picnics, School Reading, etc.).
 - Commissioner Meikle asked about the 3 retirees. The City will not take them, but the RFA will.
 - Commissioner Meikle asked about the total tax the citizens would have to shoulder. It would probably be around \$1.81 or \$1.94 per 1,000 assessed valuation

Future Meeting Dates and Times – The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 7th, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Conferencing Center at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Recorded by:
Julie Bray, District #25 Liaison