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October 16, 2019 Lake Grove Fire District Monthly General Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Sherry Patterson called the General Board meeting to order at 5:30 pm at 17665 SW Pilkington, Suite B, and Lake Oswego, OR, 97035.

In Attendance:

Sherry Patterson, Jon Harrell, Bret Hanson, Kris Chiasson (via phone), Battalion Chief Greg Barnum,

Business:

1. The Board reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the Board meeting on September 25, 2019.
 - a. Sherry asked Michelle to include in the minutes "Sherry asked Assistant Chief David Morris if the Cooks Butte Tower was safe from radiofrequency exposure. David said he didn't know." Subsequent to the Board meeting, the C800 Radio group (www.c800.org) hired an independent expert to perform radiation exposure calculations for the Cooks Butte site.
 - i. Bret moved to approve the minutes as amended; Jon seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Fire Chief's Report
 - a. The Lake Oswego Fire Department just completed a 6-month pilot program in partnership with Clackamas County Emergency Medical Services Council. Since March 2019, the Fire Department has been dispatching office based paramedics (Assistant Chief, Battalion Chief and training officer) to medical emergencies in addition to station based fire personnel to see how adding this "layer of response" might affect overall response times. The office-based personnel only responded when their automatic vehicle locator (AVL) or their experience and intuition caused them to believe they could beat the fire apparatus to the scene. In more than 35 cases, the single responder paramedic was on the scene before a fire apparatus, saving more than 2 ½ minutes on average. In addition, the first single responder was able to more quickly establish patient care: and in 16% of all cases, the single first responder was able to cancel the fire response altogether. The Fire Department is continuing this response model and other local fire agencies are adopting this response model as well.
 - b. The Cooks Butte C800 Emergency Communications Tower project update
 - i. Clackamas 800 Radio Group (C800), a conglomerate of 18 different public safety agencies like police and fire departments in Clackamas County, held an informational meeting to discuss the project and hear community members' concerns prior to submitting a land use application to the City. The public emergency communications facility would be located at 2100 Palisades Crest Drive, just inside the park entrance and off to the left. The proposed facility

would consist of a tower with antennas and associated ground equipment like a propane tank, generator and shelter enclosed in a 50-foot by 50-foot fenced compound. The purpose of the tower is to improve communications for police, fire and life safety personnel and experts believe Cooks Butte is the best location in the city, providing good indoor and outdoor coverage in an area that currently has spotty coverage or dead zones when public safety personnel try to communicate via their radio system. While most community members understood the need and importance of public safety personnel to communicate properly, they are against this proposed site. More to follow.

4. Financial Report

a. The Board reviewed the financial report.

i. Jon moved to pay the bills as presented; Bret seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Both bank reconciliations were completed for September 30, 2019. Bret reviewed and approved these bank reconciliations.

5. Safety Update

a. Sherry asked the Board members present if they were aware of any other safety issues and the response was no.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.