

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on February 15, 2011 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Commissioner Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

<u>Present:</u>	<u>In Attendance:</u>
Commissioner Williams	Bob Angrisano
Commissioner Hollis	Dave Gray
Chief Connor	FF Krache – 5:25
Secretary Evans	

Commissioner Meredith absent and excused.

Regional Fire Service Authority:

The Board requested an update on the most recent activities of the RFA Steering Committee from Bob Angrisano and Dave Gray who are seated as representatives for Fire District 27. Commissioner Williams conveyed some concerns in the manner that the RFA sub-committees had been formed, (administration, communications and operations) without any input from the Planning Committee. Commissioner Williams stated that the issue was further complicated by the inconsistency of communication to all stakeholders in the RFA. Dave Gray replied that he believed the RFA By-Laws gave the Steering Committee power to establish the sub-committees without going to the Planning Committee. Commissioner Williams conveyed some concern about the communications sub-committee; there is a process that needs to be adhered to and their needs to be a single point of contact for providing information to the public.

Bob Angrisano stated that after reviewing the different options the RFA model makes the most sense, particularly for the Fire Districts; the Cities may not be as excited about them due to the cost.

Commissioner Hollis asked if it made sense to include District 51 in the RFA, and does the term adjacent in the RCW language exclude them. Bob Angrisano replied you have to ask if they can be a positive contributor. Dave Gray provided some rationale why he would be supportive of including D51. Chief Connor stated that if D51 uses a volunteer service model then they probably have enough funds to contribute, however when there is a push to increase career firefighting service to cover their area, we have to ask how will this be paid. Commissioner Williams stated that including D51 doesn't make sense to her because of their location, long travel time, and winter weather issues.

The discussion turned to the differing opinions by legal counsel regarding the term adjacent. Bob Angrisano thought that some legislative action could bring about a change to replace that specific word in the RCW. It was Chief Connor's opinion that trying to change the statute, especially this year, would be very difficult. Further discussion ensued about the possibility of the RFA being challenged with litigation.

Dave Gray stated that his position on the Steering Committee is to look at all delivery of service options, what the costs are, and how to deliver a sound governance structure. He believes that the regionalized approach to fire service is the most economical and viable model for the future. Commissioner Hollis stated for D27, the Board would expect to get more service. Dave Gray replied that D27 may see a lower level of service for the dollars in place now. Commissioner Williams stated that we would expect at least the same level of service that we currently have, or why go to the table at all. Dave Gray replied that it's the financial reality that is impacted by labor, typically 80-85% of your budget is labor, and with continued increases in CPI's, it will become very difficult to keep up with.

Chief Connor asked to talk about the timeline. Discussion ensued regarding the RFA article that had been placed in the Sammamish Review, stating by Joe Forkner, that a vote on the RFA could come as early as 2012. Commissioner Williams was concerned about this because the Planning Committee had discussed a 2014 timeline. Dave Gray stated that he was not quite sure why Joe had put 2012 in the work plan; the Steering Committee was always looking at the 2014 timeline. Dave Gray stated that he appreciates Joe Forkner's ability to organize and his efficiency in mapping out a clearer direction for the RFA; this is what is needed to move forward. Dave Gray stated that he would talk to Joe Forkner about the 2012 date.

Dave Gray stated that he would like to see the website up and running, the meeting notices, minutes and other information could be downloaded from there and this would improve the communications for all of the

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stakeholders. Commissioner Williams replied that they are using a Google account to build the website, and she will be meeting with Trina to help coordinate transfer of documents and provide some training.

At the next Planning Committee meeting which is scheduled for March 9, they will be asking who is committed in continuing with building an RFA plan.

The Board agreed to meet again with Bob Angrisano and Dave Gray on Thursday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans
District Secretary

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Joie Williams
Commissioner

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Commissioner

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