

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010

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The Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 8:16 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Room 1820, Los Angeles.

▪ **ROLL CALL**

Present: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes
Vice President Casimiro Tolentino
Commissioner Diana Bontá
Commissioner Jill Furillo
Commissioner Andrew Friedman
Fire Chief Millage Peaks
Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson

▪ **FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence in honor of past and present members of the Los Angeles Fire Department who devote their lives to the protection of the community.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Clyde Williams, LA-32 Neighborhood Council/LA Audubon Conservation Committee, commented regarding the need for protection of bird nests and California native plant brush, relative to the brush clearance program. Written comments were provided to the Commission.

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

[BFC 10-058] – Proposed Decisions and Recommendations for the 2009 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals

Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts any necessary action relative to the proposal.

ACTION TAKEN: MOTION: (Friedman/Tolentino) that the Board approves the recommendations and provides direction to the Department. **APPROVED: AYES - 5**

President Hudley-Hayes stated that Board Report #BFC 10-060 – *Proposed Decisions and Recommendations for the 2009 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals* was inadvertently left off of this meeting's agenda, but would be discussed. The error is a reflection of the continuous transition of staffing within the Department, particularly with the Fire Commission staff. She asked the public to understand that reports 10-058 and 10-060 would be moved forward together, as they are 2 reports relating to the same topic and issue. Electronic and hard copies would be made available upon the public's request. She apologized to the public, and noted copies of the reports were available in the Board room.

Commissioner Friedman reiterated that BFC 10-060 does in fact have subject matter relative to BFC 10-058. He wanted to make a notation that there was proper notification of the general agenda item.

City Attorney Janet Jackson stated the board reports for both items were available, but the books that contain the appeals, which can be about one inch thick, were not available, but would be made available online upon request from the public.

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Captain Robert Knight, Brush Clearance Unit, reported on both board reports. The deadline for submission of this report to the County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County 2010 Property Tax rolls is August 10, 2010. Approximately \$337,471.00 would be placed on the property tax rolls.

City Attorney Janet Jackson asked the Department to clarify that the proposed June 21, 2010 letter to the property owners with President Hudley-Hayes' signature will be modified with a new non-compliance inspection fee date that correctly reflects two weeks from the date of this meeting. Captain Knight confirmed the letter would be modified. President Hudley-Hayes further clarified that the date of the letter would also be modified, and Captain Knight confirmed it would.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m. (Tolentino/Furillo)

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

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Acting Board Secretary

Date: August 9, 2010

Note: Actions of the Board shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session, unless the Council acts within that time by two-thirds vote to bring the action before it or to waive review of the action.