

## MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Minutes for the Fire Station Location Standing Committee Meeting

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on December 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Director van Duinwyk called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**Present:** Director Sylvia Easton, Director Peter van Duinwyk, Director Suzy Cawthon, Director John Nicoli, Chief David Neels, Chief Robert Kovach, and District Counsel Mark Manion

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Committee at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District; 30 minutes total time is allotted for this discussion.**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Update regarding meeting with Regency Innovation Place, LLC.**

Chief Neels and Chief Kovach reported on their meeting with Andy Brown, the representative from Regency Innovation Place, LLC. While the geologic survey results for the proposed site were favorable, allowing the project to proceed, Brown raised concerns about the potential risks associated with the gas line and the proximity of the fire station to a new development on the property. Brown suggested more space was needed between the fire station project and the new development. Brown indicated their initial expectation was of a smaller fire station. Both Fire Chiefs agreed that downsizing the fire station was not an option due to the community needs. In response to Regency Innovation Place, LLC. liability concerns, Chief Kovach proposed that the fire department purchase the land, however, Regency Innovation Place, LLC. rejected this idea.

- 3. Review updated station drawing.**

Chief Kovach presented the committee with a preliminary location drawing the architect provided based on the recent conversation with Andy Brown, the representative from Regency Innovation Place, LLC. The drawing shows the footprint of the new station. The architect encouraged Chief Kovach and Chief Neels to create a design for the station with expansion in mind to meet possible future needs of the community.

- 4. Establish future meeting dates.**

The Committee will set a meeting at a later date.

The Committee adjourned to Closed Session at 1:35 p.m.

**5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (d) (4): (One potential case)**

The Committee reported out of closed session at 2:16 p.m. with no reportable action.

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 2:16 p.m.