



**KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Thursday, July 28, 2022 3:00pm-5:00pm  
Via Zoom Teleconference

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Directors: Larry Nagel

Public Members: Katie Gluck, Danielle Madugo, Paul Moss, David Spath

Staff: General Manager Bill Hansell

Consultant: Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Johnny Valenzuela

Members of the Public: None

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**a. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 16, 2022 (Approve)**

The minutes of the June 16, 2022 Special Meeting were approved by consensus.
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**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion of policies for parking on Red Flag Days**

Brad Harms represented the KPD in the discussion. Brad noted that he had encountered problems in attempting to alter the parking patterns during high fire hazard days. In particular, Lt. Harms was addressing parking along dead end streets including York Avenue, Windsor Avenue, and St. Albans Road where residents must park on the ingoing side of the street pointing away from the egress and necessitating a U-turn to exit. California Vehicle Code CVC 22052 prohibits parking on the "wrong" side of street or facing the "wrong way" unless a local ordinance allows this. Parking this way could open the KPPCSD to liability in case of accident or injury. The only way we can do this is to change specific streets by petition. Lt. Harms noted that he did encounter a lot of resistance to changing the parking patterns and was doubtful such a petition would succeed at this point in time. Lt. Harms noted that we could revisit this by having block parties on the streets that require better parking. This would involve volunteers from the EPC. He reports better

progress with proposed parking changes on Purdue, Kenyon, and Westminster, where residents seem agreeable to reversing their parking patterns to point downhill. The curb at the Princeton/Amherst intersection was painted red, which makes turning much easier. Lt. Harms said he will look into the condition of the Beloit/Cambridge and Cambridge/Yale intersections, where the red curbs are faded.

#### **b. Planning for next Evacuation Drill**

Lt. Harms thinks the next evacuation drill will not be until next Spring, 2023. He does not feel the KPD presently has sufficient staff to attempt another drill this year, and he also would be concerned with having a drill during the peak of fire season because it causes a lot of concern among residents that did not hear about the drill.

#### **c. Report on Potential Grant Funding (Lisa Caronna and David Spath)**

Dave Spath reported that he and Lisa researched grants. CalFire is a source of funding for state grants for fuel reduction and wildfire education. The next grant cycle starts in December. Federal grants through FEMA such as City of Paradise to fund installation of 21 early warning systems (75/25 match). Dave and Lisa talked to the head of recovery in Paradise. Paradise received one \$50M grant to design the system and another to purchase and install the system. General Manager Bill Hansell noted that the problem with the last grant writer was that a large portion of the job of grant writing still ended up with the General Manager and he just didn't have the time. We need grant writers who will not just identify potential sources of funding but will actually write the proposals.

#### **d. Report on Protecting Your City from Wildfire 2022 (Larry Nagel)**

Report on the webinar Protecting Your City from Wildfire 2022 which was presented on April 19-20, 2022. The webinar materials may be found at the link <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3sq5mdkdy1xjo0o/AACGLm3NB2oXmMJDDX-uwEL5la?dl=0>

Larry Nagel gave a report. Larry attended the "virtual" conference on Zoom and was able to make a large portion of the materials available to the EPC members at the above web link. The materials consist of the slides for nine of the presentations as well as slides for eight "on-demand" lectures. The file

[Protecting Your City From Wildfire April 19-20 2022 - Notes.pdf](#)

provides a table of contents of the various talks.

### **6. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Johnny Valenzuela will be in the district on Monday and Tuesday preparing for National Night Out. He displayed the handouts that will be distributed at the block parties.

Johnny met with Berkeley Fire officials to have a look at the Cerritos Canyon. It looked like the Canyon was in better shape than anticipated. Both Berkeley and Johnny are trying to organize a FireWise community for Cerritos Canyon. Dave Spath asked if house hardening was going to be part of the FireWise effort.

The shredding event and drug collection is set for September.

September is National Preparedness Month and Johnny will be working on raising awareness during September.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Danielle Madugo gave a report on the PG&E Safety Webinar that was presented today:

1. Undergrounding: big push to do so; 10k mile goal
  1. Planned Contra Costa County (CCC) 2022 6 miles, <1mi completed
  2. [pge.com/undergrounding](https://pge.com/undergrounding)
2. Overhead system hardening
  1. Miles in CCC completed through 2021 18mi, <1 planned in 2022
  2. [pge.com/systemhardening](https://pge.com/systemhardening)
3. Tilden Park towers next to eucalyptus grove
  1. Recently met with each other, they interface and collectively decide how to reach their personal goals
  2. Sounded like they were going to be updating/replacing towers and lines that cross Tilden and the eucalyptus grove. This is the same line that runs down Moeser that they've been working on this week.
4. Alert Wildfire cameras
  1. They are working towards AI but not there yet
  2. They have a 24/7 monitoring crew in San Ramon for the (~ 600) wildfire cameras. It's unclear if that was ONLY for the wildfire cameras. They also use the satellite data (received every 5 or 10 minutes) to assess for ignitions.
5. Report It App Safety App
  1. See something that isn't an emergency, you can snap a picture and send it to them through the app; also at [pge.com/reportit](https://pge.com/reportit)
  2. You can also look to see what's planned on the safety maps (mentioned next) and then if something you want isn't there, use the Report It app to bring it to their attention
6. Online Safety Maps
  1. Shows completed and planned safety work in their community
  2. [pge.com/customerpspsplanningmaps](https://pge.com/customerpspsplanningmaps)

Paul Moss noted that along Olde School Trail there is a dense thicket of brush left after goat grazing. Larry Nagel will contact Chief Theile about this.

Paul Moss reported that he and Dave Spath spoke with a Berkeley resident who established a FireWise community. They spent a lot of time organizing and it took two years to get their certification. Paul didn't feel it was worth the effort. Paul will

talk to the residents at the National Night Out. The big problem is finding a lead person or persons to pursue the FireWise certification.

Johnny noted that the application is challenging, but that it worked fine in Mosquito.

Paul Moss reported on the results of the Survey of Lake Drive residents who revealed that only 56% of the residents surveyed have a reunification plan or a meeting place established with friends and family for emergencies.

**8. CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Kensington Fire Protection District will be held on August 25, 2022 at 3:00pm via Zoom Conference, unless noticed otherwise per the Brown Act.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Larry Nagel

These minutes were approved at the Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on September 22, 2022.

Attest:

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**Emergency Preparedness Committee Member**