

Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District



BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING **AMENDED** MINUTES

April 29, 2015
(Approved June 3, 2015)

1. **Opening Ceremonies**

The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 7:00 P.M. on April 29, 2015 at the Moraga Library Community Room, 1500 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga, California. President Evans called the meeting to order.

Present were the following Directors and Staff:

President Evans	Director Weil
Director Barber	Stephen Healy, Fire Chief
Director Anderson	Grace Santos, District Secretary/Clerk
Director Famulener	

2. **Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

3. **Regular Calendar**

3.1 **Proposed City Ventures Project Adjacent to Station-41**

Since the 2000s, the District raised concerns about residential development adjacent to the District's only training facility. The District has expressed concerns about the adjacency of residential uses to the facility because it may lead to concerns from future residents that might impact the District's ability to use the facility. The loss of the facility could have significant negative financial impacts on the District and on the safety of the residents of the District. These concerns, both general and specific have been extensively discussed at various public meetings and separately with the applicant.

As the project has progressed, District staff, and Directors serving on the (Board of Directors) Facilities Ad Hoc Committee, have been working with Town and City Ventures representatives. In June of 2014, District staff expressed concerns about privacy and safety in a letter to the Town. In January of 2015, the District transmitted another letter to the town; again expressing concerns related to the project. Staff read the letter at the Town Council meeting on January 28, 2015.

City Ventures has recently expressed concern about the District's public statements on the project. The District staff desires to have the Board of Directors formally express the District's position on the project to the town.

The District maintains an outstanding relationship with the Town of Moraga and works closely with the Town in a number of ways. The District is not opposed to development in general on the City Ventures (proposed) site and has no desire to over-reach its role or authority in land use issues. However, the District continues to have concerns about the development of residential units in close proximity to the District's training site because of the District's desire to be good neighbors and its need to provide full staff training on the site.

MOFD Board members gave direction to staff on the contents of a letter to the Town of Moraga expressing the District's views on the City Ventures project. They asked staff to be specific and include language concerning the park and recreational use safety concerns.

Richard Olsen, Moraga resident, reminded the Board that there were two reasons that they were in opposition to any residential development on the site was for safety and zoning issues. The property must be rezoned before the project can proceed.

Motion by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Famulener to direct Legal Counsel John Bakker to make changes in the draft letter regarding the proximity of the residential development to the MOFD Training Facility and reaffirming **safety concerns relating to the pocket park**. Once the letter is completed, President Evans or Director Weil will review the document before sending it to the Town

of Moraga. Said motion carried a 4-0 roll-call vote (Ayes: Anderson, Barber, Famulener, and Weil; Abstain: Evans).

4. Closed Session

At 7:45 P.M., the Board adjourned into Closed Session.

5. Reconvene the Meeting

President Evans reconvened the regular business meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors at 10:38 P.M. Present were the following Directors and Staff:

President Evans	Director Weil
Director Barber	Stephen Healy, Fire Chief
Director Anderson	John Bakker, District Council
Director Famulener	

6. Report of Closed Session Action

President Evans reported that there was no reportable action taken on Item 4.1 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators and 4.2 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation during closed session.

7. Adjournment

At 10:38 P.M., President Evans called for adjournment of the regular meeting.



Grace Santos
Secretary to the Board