

Consolidation Ad Hoc Committee

June 26, 2008

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chair Karen Rogers at the Port Angeles Fire Department.

Members present: Chief Jon Bugher, Volunteer Fire Captain Mike DeRousie, Council member Dan DiGuilio, Chief Dan McKeen, Todd Ortloff, Council member Karen Rogers, Dan Sterling, Commissioner David Whitney and Lieutenant Kelly Ziegler.

Chair Karen Rogers asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the last meeting. There were no changes. David Whitney motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Karen turned the meeting over to Chief Bugher. Chief Bugher noted that there is one change to the list of personnel for CCFD #2, Station 21; Tom Montague is a FF/BFA. The list of personnel was given out at the request of Council member Dan DiGuilio.

Chief Bugher wanted to give people an idea of the filing dates for a levy and an election schedule was distributed.

Dan McKeen explained that the tour of fire stations was cancelled due to an emergent issue regarding Olympic Ambulance. Chief Bugher explained that the District did not have EMS services in the 1980s. The residents asked the fire district to provide EMS services in the county. The District contracted with Olympic Ambulance to provide EMS services. At the same time, Olympic Ambulance was providing BLS services in the city. So the District purchased two ambulances (1997) to provide back-up services for the District when Olympic Ambulance was unavailable.

Olympic Ambulance asked to meet with the PA Fire Department and CCFD #2. They announced that they would be reducing services to Port Angeles effective July 15. They will be staffing their station with one ALS unit from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and a BLS unit from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. A few days later, Olympic Ambulance changed their service levels. A letter will be coming regarding the new changes.

Olympic Ambulance's new service levels will impact the Port Angeles Fire Department and CCFD #2 emergency services as well as Joyce. Dan reviewed how Medic I operates in relation to transporting patients especially outside the City. There is a financial and personnel impact to both the City and CCFD #2.

Dan will keep the committee informed about the status of Olympic Ambulance. The City and CCFD #2 will be working on a way to provide EMS services to the District when Olympic Ambulance is not available.

Sub Committees: Dan explained how the sub committees will work. The sub committee will provide reports to the Ad Hoc Committee for review and discussion. All the sub committees' reports will be used to generate a final draft report for review and possible modification by the Ad Hoc Committee. After acceptance by the Ad Hoc Committee, the final consolidation report will be submitted to the District Commissioners and the City Council for as a recommendation. Dan DiGuilio asked if other plans have been reviewed and what procedures did they go through to get to consolidation. Dan McKeen replied that there will be guest speakers at the meetings and they will talk about their experience in consolidating their departments.

Dan Sterling remarked that there needs to be a level of trust among the committee members. Karen mentioned that everyone needs to be aware of community development laws, jurisdictional issues and if we need to change a law or ordinance, then we need to do that.

Dan asked the members to send their ideas to Coral at cwheeler@cityofpa.us with any ideas or comments they want to share with other members.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

The next meeting will be held July 24 at 3 p.m. at the Port Angeles Fire Department.

Meeting dates in 2008:

July 24

August 28

September 25

October – No Meeting

November 6

December 4

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