

Minutes of Travis County Emergency Services District #3

January 28, 2007

Board President Bob Taylor called the Travis County Emergency Services District #3 (TCESD 3) Board of Commissioners' regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was established. Attending were Commissioners David Luther, Bob Taylor, John Villanacci, Edd New, and Rick Coneway.

Fire department personnel present at the meeting included: Fire Chief Warren; Assistant Fire Chiefs Elliot, Rodriguez and Wittig; Fire Marshal Lacey; District Chief Plumlee; and PIO Warren.

Visitors included Robert Ferguson representing MUD 4; Matt Moore of Stratus Properties; Harry Savio of Home Builders Association of Greater Austin; and Carroll Knight.

Attached to and incorporated into these Minutes is a copy of the official Agenda for the January 28, 2008 meeting.

Under Agenda Item 3: Commissioner Luther moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting and of the January 14, 2008 meeting with Commissioner Villanacci seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 4: Matt Moore reported that Stratus Properties would prefer the ESD not adopt a sprinkler ordinance and that they would support some manner of voluntary installation of sprinklers. If an ordinance requiring sprinklers is adopted Stratus would prefer that the minimum square footage be zero. Referring to Item 7, Mr. Moore also reported that Stratus would like to see the proposed letter to water suppliers and homeowners' associations regarding water flow to their properties before it was sent out. Harry Savio compared the feelings, both pro and con, toward the sprinkler ordinance to those in vogue with the introduction of laws mandating seat belts in cars. Robert Ferguson reported that MUD 4 was interested in the proposed ordinance and would provide cooperation.

Under Agenda Item 5: Fire Marshall Lacey pointed out that under Option 5 of the Proposed Amendment Options builders would be required to offer to install sprinklers as an option, though the customer may refuse.

Under Agenda Item 6: Some issues discussed included possible deed restrictions on new homes over x square feet, plat notes, and memoranda of understanding (between a builder and TCESD). It was noted that a large house under design in Escala would include a sprinkler system and a Centex model home on Highway 290 will have a sprinkler system. Robert Ferguson has completed analysis using a computer model of the water supply system, which Commissioner Coneway will review.

Commissioner Coneway moved to adopt Option 5 as an amendment to the ESD3 Fire Code. Commissioner Luther seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 7: Robert Ferguson commented that the proposed letter from the Board to the water suppliers and homeowners were 'strong words from an ESD'. Commissioner Villanacci moved to table the mailing and re-edit the letter. Commissioner New seconded. The motion carried with Commissioner Luther voting nay.

Under Agenda Item 8: No action was taken.

Under Agenda Item 9: Commissioner Villanacci moved to approve a policy to prepare sworn oaths for payments over \$2,000.00. Commissioner Coneway seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Coneway moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Luther seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 10: Commissioner Coneway moved to authorize payments over \$2,000 as per lists on pages 21 and 22, which covered a period from October 1st 2007 through January 23rd 2008. Commissioner Villanacci seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Coneway moved to authorize payments over

\$2,000 made between January 24th and January 28th 2008. Commissioner Villanacci seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Coneway moved to authorize payment of \$6,500 to Tax Revenue Consultants, with Commissioner Villanacci seconding. The motion carried with three ayes. Commissioner Luther abstained and Commissioner Taylor recused himself.

Under Agenda Item 11: Fire Chief Warren presented the ESD Summary Report and Assistant Chief Rodriguez outlined some areas where the ESD could gain additional points and achieve an improved ISO rating. This involves purchasing some minor equipment, gathering additional data, and making changes to previous filings.

Under Agenda Item 12: Assistant Chief Wittig presented a report on the Mackey Field Project, mentioning that the sub-standard concrete finishing the pad had been rejected and that a new pad will be poured over the old pad. No cost to the ESD is involved but there will be delay.

Under Agenda Item 13: President Taylor reported on the latest meeting of the Commissioners Council, mentioning that the Omnibus Interlocal Agreement was still in the drafting process.

Under Agenda Item 15: There were no visitor or Oak Hill Fire Department communications other than those reported above.

Under Agenda Item 16: It was announced that Commissioners Taylor and New would attend the SAFE-D annual conference to be held at Cy-Fair College, northwest of Houston, on February 22-23, 2008.

Under Agenda Item 17: Commissioner Taylor announced that the plaque dedicated to Commissioner Luther upon his retirement from the Board would be installed at the Circle Drive Station on one of the following dates: February 19, 20th, 21st or February 26th, 27th or 28th. Commissioners were to let the business manager know which dates were suitable for them.

Under Agenda Item 18: President Taylor announced the next regular meeting would be held on February 25th 2008.

Under Agenda Item 19: There being no further business, Commissioner Villanacci moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Commissioner Coneway seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Coneway, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
(Minutes taken by Madeline Mille)

Approved by Board of Commissioners:

Representative Commissioner: _____ (Signature)

(Printed Name) _____

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No.3 will hold a regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008 in the Community Room of Travis County ESD3 Station 302, located at 4111 Barton Creek Boulevard, Austin, Travis County, Texas. The subject of and matters to be considered at said meeting include, among other business, the following:

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call and Quorum determination.
3. Review and approval of minutes of the regular December 17, 2007 meeting and the January 14, 2008 special workshop meeting.
4. Visitor Communications: Receive comments from the community and interested parties concerning proposed amendments to the District's Fire Code, which could require domestic water-based sprinklers in all new residential construction.
5. Receive additional information, if any, from Fire Marshall/District Chief Lacey related to residential sprinklers.
6. Discuss and take appropriate action on proposed amendments to the District's Fire Code which could require domestic water based residential sprinkler.
7. Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing a letter from the Board to the Board President of each water utility supplier to the District, with a copy to the President of each homeowner association within the District, concerning adequate water supply infrastructure for fire suppression for homes larger than 3600 sq. ft.
8. Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing a partial or temporary property tax rebate for homeowners who elect to install residential sprinkler systems in new homes.
9. Treasurer's Report with comments on the revised procedure for certification and approval of District payments that maintains compliance with applicable laws and procedures.
10. Approve payments over \$2,000 with sworn statements for the following:
 - a. Checks dated 10/1/07 to 1/23/08.
 - b. Check dated 1/4/08 for \$6,500 to Tax Revenue Consultants.
 - c. Checks dated 1/24/08 to 1/28/08.
11. Fire Chief's ESD3 Operations Summary Report.
12. Mackey Field Project update.
13. Report from the President on the January 19 meeting of the Travis County ESD Commissioners Council and status of the draft Omnibus Interlocal Agreement process.
14. Executive Session to discuss matters concerning pending or contemplated litigation, real property, or personnel, as authorized pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, et seq.
15. Consider and take appropriate action on matters discussed in Executive Session.
16. Other Visitor or other Oak Hill Fire Department communications.
17. General announcements.
18. Announcement of future meeting dates of the Board of Emergency Service District #3 Commissioners.
19. Adjournment.

By: _____ Madeline Miller, Business Manager

NOTE: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), and 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices).
Travis County Emergency Services District Number 3 is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modification and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call the District Administrative Office at 288-5534 for information. Hearing impaired or speech disabled persons equipped with telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the statewide Relay Program at 1-800-735-2988 or by dialing '711'.
Visitor Communications are regular agenda items at monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District Number 3. Visitors who wish to speak under Visitor's Communications must sign up before the meeting is called to order. Each person, organization or group wishing to address the Board will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes. Speakers may register in person at the posted location of the meeting, starting 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and using the form provided. The speaker will give his/her name, address, organizational affiliation, if any, and indicate the subject he/she intends to address. The Board welcomes citizen comment on any issue, but the Open Meetings Act prohibits any board action on issues not posted on the agenda.

The undersigned affirms and states that he/she posted or caused to be posted a true and correct copy of the foregoing notice at a place convenient to the public at the Travis County ESD3 Administrative Office, 4111 Barton Creek Boulevard, Travis County, Texas, a location within said Travis County Emergency Services District Number 3 at _____ M. on January __, 2007. _____ Megan Lundquist, Office Manager