

AGENDA

Town of Atherton Council/Menlo Park Fire Protection District April 14, 2022 JOINT SPECIAL MEETING



Mayor DeGolia called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ROLL CALL** - Hawkins-Manuelian, Polito, Lewis, Vice Mayor Widmer, Mayor DeGolia – **Present**
- Menlo Park Fire Protection District Board: Kiraly, Jones, Silano, Bernstein, Director McLaughlin – **Present**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None*
4. **SUPPORT FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUPS – ADAPT / CERT / COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Rodericks introduced the item and Police Chief McCulley and Fire Chief Lorenzo provided information related to the collaborative work the Menlo Park Fire Department and the Atherton Police Department have begun as it relates to the Town's emergency preparedness groups. Both McCulley and Lorenzo discussed the communication activities that have taken place within their respective departments.

Board Director Silano introduced Fire Marshal Johnston and Disaster Response Manager Zollicoffer who discussed his role in Emergency and Incident Management Planning.

The Menlo Park Fire Protection Board of Directors and City Council held a discussion related to the emergency certification opportunities available to residents, the structure of the Town's A.D.A.P.T. organization and similar organizations in other communities, equipment and best practices these groups use, and partnership opportunities for these groups.

Director Kiraly commented on the communication drill held in Atherton noting the learning experience it was for her and residents.

Director Silano discussed emergency preparedness groups structures in other jurisdictions and noted uniqueness with each based on their boundaries and other specifics related to those communities.

5. **JOINT AGENCY COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES – ZONEHAVEN, EMERGENCY ACCESS NEEDS, WILDFIRE EDUCATION / PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Fire Chief Lorenzo introduced Fire Marshal Johnston who discussed Zonehaven and the collaborative activities that have taken place with the Atherton Police Department over the last year. He walked the Council and Board through the work done with each police agency in the district related to emergency access and evacuations.

The Menlo Park Fire Protection Board of Directors and City Council held a discussion related to addressing fire hazards, educating residents on best practices, and proactive actions and approaches that can be implemented.

Johnston talked about specific types of trees that are more hazardous in wildfire situations.

The discussion continued to review general community messaging approaches and how to best spread information to community members, an evaluation of collaboration opportunities with emergency preparedness groups within other cities to partner on community education / outreach, and training.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS – *None*

7. ADJOURN

Mayor DeGolia adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.



Anthony Super
City Clerk