

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING **MINUTES** May 12, 2023 – 8:30 A.M.

**Present Fire Board of Appeals Board Members (6):** 

David Hewett, Chair Ron Honn, Vice Chair Vince Colarelli Mike Riggs Jannic Ekornes Laurie Olson **Industry Represented:** 

Small Business Citizen At-Large Building Architecture Fire Suppression Insurance

Not Present (0):

**Industry Represented:** 

Vacant Position (1):

Industry Represented: Large Business

Present Fire Board of Appeals Secretary
Captain Richard Valdez, Deputy Fire Marshal

Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department

Additional Attendee(s):

Desirae Tucker, Administrative Assistant Senior Mellisa Wutzke, Administrative Assistant Senior Shawn Schilling, Administrative Assistant Senior Sarah DaCosta, Administrative Assistant II Sunny Smaldino, Senior Fire Life & Safety Educator Kathy Hook, Fire Life & Safety Educator Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department Colorado Springs Fire Department

## **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Board Chair Hewett called the meeting to order at 8:28 A.M. and promptly conducted a roll call.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Board Member Honn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Contractor Licensing

#### A. Fire Alarm Contractor B

i. Business Name:

Pipe Line Specialties, Inc.

Applicant:

Jason Donlan

RME: Jason Donlan

Deputy Fire Marshal Valdez stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

Board Member Ekornes motioned to approve the application. Board Member Colarelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **B.** Fire Suppression Contractor A

i. Business Name: Johnson Controls Fire Protections LP

**Applicant:** Ricky Conner RME: Ricky Conner

Deputy Fire Marshal Valdez stated applicant meets the requirements and recommended approval.

Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the application. Board Member Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# **BUSINESS**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

 Community Education and Outreach received State Award for Community Risk Reduction Program: Living with Wildfire

Presenter: Sunny Smaldino, Senior Fire Life & Safety Educator

Smaldino explained the Community Risk Reduction Program Award and the scope of the program including the presentation, meetings, website, and partners.

- HONN: Thanked the CEO team for their work with trainings and support at UCCS
- COLARELLI: Please explain the Peak Alerts system and how it is used.
  - SMALDINO: Explained the system capabilities and overall operation of the Peak Alerts program including the overall use, zone information, partners, etc.
  - o COLARELLI: How many alerts do you get per day?
  - SMALDINO: It is very minimal from the CSFD side of the system.
     Since May 12, 2022 CSFD has not needed to use the system for alerts. CSPD may send out a larger quantity of alerts based off their needs.
- HEWITT: Is the signup available on the provided handout?
  - o Smaldino: Confirmed the information is available on the handout.
- DFM VALDEZ: Please share with the group about the education at businesses around the City of Colorado Springs
  - SMALDINO: CEO largely focuses on the hot work regulations and the dangers of that type of work as seen with recent past wildfires when speaking with local businesses.
  - o COLARELLI: Did the protocol change?
  - SMALDINO: No, the protocols have not changed, just the education around the hot work. We are also now able to provide education in multiple languages.

# **ADJOURN**

Board Member Riggs motioned to adjourn. Board Member Colarelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Captain Richard Valdez

Deputy Fire Marshal and Secretary to the Fire Board of Appeals

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