

Crystal Park Metro District (CPMD)  
April 3, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mike Doughty.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Mike Doughty - Chairman  
Clint Schneider – Treasurer  
Dick O'Brien  
Derek Strickler  
Joan Powers – Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

John Hennessey – CPVFD Chief

**Minutes from Last Meeting: Vote**

A motion was made by Dick O'Brien to approve the minutes for the March 6, 2013 CPMD Board meeting. Derek Strickler seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. The approved minutes will be posted to the CPMD website at <http://www.crystalparkvfd.org/metro/minutes.htm>.

**Treasurer's Report: Vote**

The board reviewed the March treasurer's report prepared by Clint Schneider. He noted that the "Tabor" percentage was now correct. Mike Doughty motioned to approve the report; Joan Powers seconded; and the report was approved unanimously. The approved report will be posted to the CPMD website at <http://www.crystalparkvfd.org/metro/reports.htm>.

**Public Comments**

None

**Crystal Park Volunteer Fire Department (CPVFD) Update: Vote**

Chief Hennessey reviewed his prepared monthly update.

The big issue right now all over El Paso County concerns ambulance service. Because Colorado Springs plans to terminate its contract with AMR, there is now the probability for drastic cutbacks in the number of ambulances and emergency personnel available to serve the County. This means ambulance unavailability, longer response times and higher costs per call for Manitou Springs and Crystal Park. Consequently, Manitou Springs has explored other options and is looking into contracting with Rural Metro ambulance services. In that case, Rural Metro may operate an ambulance and post a paramedic and an EMT at the Manitou Springs fire station. If the CPVFD/CPMD decides to align with Manitou Springs, this could cut ambulance response time to Crystal Park in half in many instances. At this time Chief Hennessey recommends that we go with Manitou Springs.

Mike Doughty moved that the CPMD give Chief Hennessey authorization to pursue the subject of ambulance service in partnership with Manitou Springs. Dick O'Brien seconded it. Discussion ended with the thought that "response time should drive the final decision." The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

The CPVFD Monthly Activities Updates are posted on the CPVFD website at <http://www.crystalparkvfd.org/about/reports.htm>

**Old Business:**

Dispatch Status Update

On April 8 at 7 am, the Manitou Springs dispatch will cease to exist and El Paso County will take over dispatch for both Manitou Springs and Crystal Park.

Active 911 is available for volunteers' smart phones, costing \$1.00/month for each phone. CPMD would cover those costs.

Radio Purchase

Six Tait radios have been distributed to firefighters. CPVFD was able to keep the 2 radios previously on loan from Manitou Springs.

Resident Email List

CPMD will ask the CPHOA Board if it will send out a letter to all members and residents requesting permission to use residents' emails for CPMD official business only. This is especially important so that we can easily update residents during fire season, evacuations or during a flood.

CWPP: Vote

Joan Powers motioned to approve the CWPP as amended by both the CPMD and the CPHOA. Derek Strickler seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Next steps are in the hands of the CPHOA, as it is their document.

**New Business**

Manitou Flood Control Impacts

A huge issue for Colorado Springs and El Paso County concerns possible flooding due to the Waldo Canyon burn scar. Manitou Springs is at high risk for some substantial flooding under the right conditions. This has repercussions for Crystal Park, primarily: electricity to the wider area turned off or out of service and lack of vehicle access to and from Crystal Park. For those without a generator, lack of electricity also means no residential water and lack of communications, except for cell service. There is also the possibility that CPVFD will need to respond to the entire Crystal Hills area if they are cut off from Manitou due to flooded roads.

A May 4<sup>th</sup> Town Hall provided by the CPVFD will address these issues, along with information about the coming fire season.

VFA Grant Application Submission

The CPVFD has submitted a request for a portable pump, strainer, port-a-tank, hose, and some PPE for firefighters. This requires a 50% match of \$3,059 which the Metro District will supply as budgeted.

### Advance Planning List

This requires attention in terms of planning for budgeting costs and expenses. The largest item that is needed is an engine/pumper to replace 940.

### **Compliance Calendar**

Dick O'Brien had nothing to report.

### **Adjourn**

Mike Doughty adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is May 1, 2013, unless otherwise posted.\*

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Joan Powers, CPMD Secretary\*\*

\* CPMD Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Multi-Use Building, located at 496 Palmer Trail in Crystal Park, Manitou Springs, CO unless otherwise noted in meeting minutes and/or officially posted to the public.

\*\*Hard copy with original signature filed with the CPMD and is available for viewing upon written request.