

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
COLORADO CENTRE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Thursday, April 2, 2009 6:00 PM  
4770 Horizonview Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Board Members Present:

Michael Cantin	President, Chairman
Frank Ingraldi	Vice-President, Vice-Chairman
Shawn Eccles	Secretary
Floyd Edwards	Treasurer
Michael Terry	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Also Present:

Dr. Alvaro Testa, Cynthia Monroe, Sandy Goad

**I. Preliminary**

- A. Call to Order  
Director Cantin called the meeting to order at approximately 6:06 pm.
- B. Roll Call - Determination of a Quorum  
A Quorum was present.
- C. Acknowledgment, Notice and Consent to Special Meeting.

**II. General Business Items**

- A. Introduction of the Fire Protection Issue by Mike Cantin

Director Cantin acknowledged the attendance of El Paso County Fire Marshall, Jim Reid and El Paso County Commissioner, Dennis Hisey. He explained that due to the fact that the developers that were funding the fire station pulled all their monies, the fire station had to be closed on December 31, 2008. There was a liquidation sale and CCMD was able to purchase the fire engine and equipment. This purchase allows CCMD the possibility of re-opening the fire station if funding could be found. This meeting is for the community to be informed of different options for reopening the station and thereby giving them information needed to make a decision as to whether they would want to fund the project.

District Manager, Al Testa, has put together four options related to ways to facilitate the re-opening. These options were distributed to all in attendance.

- B. Presentation by Tom Byes

Mr. Byes has been researching grant monies, stimulus monies, etc. He thanked everyone for their attendance. He deferred to Dr. Testa to present his options.

C. Presentation by Al Testa

Dr. Testa commented that CCMD is still contracting with the City of Colorado Springs for fire protection but the response time can be longer than 15 minutes. He has put together 4 options that would facilitate re-opening the station. He presented all these options to the residents in attendance and received overwhelming feed-back that the residents in attendance selected to pay a fee to offer first responder services to allow CSFD the time to show up without having to worry so much about the response time from station 11. Dr. Testa explained that as more homes and businesses are constructed, the fee will be reduced because more people are sharing the costs. People were willing to pay the higher cost scenario to get this service from CCMD. Because there are another 650 families that were not in attendance, some type of survey needs to be circulated to determine what the majority of the residents are in favor of doing.

D. Public Discussion and Comments

The public in attendance asked numerous questions and without exception requested that the fire station be opened again and monthly fees be used to cover the cost of the service.

The public expressed concerns about incidents in the District that needed prompt emergency response and it took the Colorado Springs Fire Department, who is under contract with the District for these services, over twenty minutes to respond. Also, several homeowners have experienced significant home insurance increases now that the station has closed.

A committee was formed to meet next week to discuss the survey and organize distribution of this survey to all neighborhoods. After the sampling results are determined, the results will be presented to the Board so that they can make a decision regarding the re-opening of the station.

III. Adjournment

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the special meeting at approximately 7:35 pm. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michael Cantin, President

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Shawn Eccles, Secretary