CITIZEN ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Skagit County Fire Protection District #9

16818 W. Big Lake Blvd, Mount Vernon, WA 98274

February 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Harmon.

Commissioner Harmon, Commissioner Gubrud and Commissioner Thomson were present. Chief Berg and Secretary Berg were also present. There were approximately 18 guests from the community as well as 10 Big Lake volunteer firefighters. Mount Vernon Fire Chief Bryan Brice was also present.

Mount Vernon Fire Chief Bryan Brice was asked to come to the meeting and give a presentation on how he could help us solve our daytime staffing issues. After speaking with Chief Berg and Commissioner Harmon about what the criteria would be (in a previous meeting), Chief Brice said he was willing to respond to all of our department’s calls, Monday through Friday, 6 am to 6 pm for around $11,900 to $15,000 annually. Chief Brice would still need to get the approval from his City Council, our attorney’s would need to come up with an agreement and both Chief’s would need to spend a considerable amount of time with dispatch to put this in place. Chief Brice then answered questions. He was very optimistic for a future partnership with Big Lake.

There were discussions after Chief Brice’s presentation about his offer, paying our firefighters stipends and staffing in general.

Commissioner Harmon and Chief Berg will pursue the contract with Mount Vernon before the next meeting.

The next meeting will be March 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Big Lake Station.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Berg, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_