

**Eagle Ridge HOA
Special Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2013 ~ 3:00PM**

1. **Roll Call** - Lori Henriksen – President, Cindy Mathis – Secretary, Joanne Pritchard – Homeowner Member, Al French- ARC, Nikki Bardwell– WEB Properties, Inc., Don Waller – President, Spokane Fire Fighters Union.
2. **Approval of August 15th, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes** – Cindy Mathis motioned to approve minutes, Joanne Pritchard seconded the motion & the minutes were approved.
3. **New Business - Fire Station/Emergency Services**
 - a. **Presenter** - Don Waller – President, Spokane Fire Fighters Union stated that his presentation is the view of the Spokane Fire Fighters. He has been a Fire Fighter for 23 years & with the Fire Fighters Union for 8 years. Don thinks that there is a need to have more conversation about the issues regarding fire & EMS response.
 - b. **A few services provided by SFD-**
 - i. Hazardous Material Reponses
 - ii. Technical & Confined Space Response
 - iii. Urban Search & Rescue
 - iv. Water Rescue
 - v. Child Safe House
 - c. **Spokane Fire Dept. Stats** – 15 stations with 319 employees
 - d. **Challenges** –
 - i. The lack of funding, resources & training access
 - ii. No defined yearly strategic plan
 - iii. Need for regional efficiency
 - iv. Ability to address catastrophic emergencies
 - v. Lack of equipment
 - vi. Staff spread too thin
 - e. **Fire Stats** –
 - i. Fires double in size per minute.
 - ii. The number of fires per year are holding steady, there is just more property to take care of.
 - iii. 20% of calls are fires but 40% of the fire fighters time is spent at a fire.
 - f. **Fire District Establishment** -
 - i. Officials would be voted in.
 - ii. There would be more involvement.
 - iii. Cities with populations under 300,000 can establish fire districts.
 - iv. It would take 4 city council votes to get it on the ballot.
 - v. Would need a 60% vote to pass as it would affect property taxes.
 - g. **Issues with Other Proposals** -
 - i. Being a part of Fire District 3 wouldn't solve the issues. It would only mean that Eagle Ridge would get the ISO rating of the home fire station. This is a loop hole that Waller believes will be closed soon.

- ii. Having an EMT located at the Eagle Ridge Information Center would not do much. 1 person cannot save lives. 4-8 people are needed to care for someone in full arrest.
- iii. An ARU could be moved around 7 hours a day, from 8am-6pm, Monday – Friday, but only for 3 years until the grant runs out.

4. Open Forum

- a. Waller is speaking to as many groups as possible, as well as, getting those groups connected with each other.
- b. He will provide the Board with the original document developed by previous involvement. This can be used as a starting point.

5. Meeting Adjourned – 4:25pm