

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY GROUP ("CAG")
TO
SAN JUAN ISLAND EMS ("SJIEMS")
SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #1 ("SJCPHD #1")
SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #3 ("FD #3")
AND THE TOWN OF FRIDAY HARBOR ("TOWN")

MINUTES
Wednesday January 30, 2019
6:30 pm, 849 Spring Street, Suite B-5

CAG representatives:

Chuck Dalldorf, Town (chair)
Rick Frazer, at large
George Johnson, SJCPHD #1
Mark Tompkins, at large (vice chair)

Others Present:

Nathan Butler
SJCPHD #1 Board Recording Sec.

Absent: Dan Paulson, FD #3

By Phone or teleconference: None

Public Present: Karin Agosta, Richard Grout

Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Dalldorf called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approve Minutes/Expenses: By consent the group agreed that the minutes from January 16, 2019 were acceptable. CAG Expenses were approved.

Work Session:

The CAG discussed the importance of metrics to measure service levels and performance and ensure that emergency response improves through a merger. If they do not, or worsen, then they give a tool to encourage improvement. Both Fire and EMS do provide good service, and the group doesn't want to interfere with that.

How to form the crucial value proposition was repeatedly discussed. Frazer suggested that if a merger is not executed properly it could still do more harm than good, and that there needs to be more work explaining that the value proposition justifies the risk. George Johnson said, "The question we should start with, I think, is what would be the ideal down the road 5 or 10 years down the road, and of course it presumes leadership

competence, at the levels it has to be in the various organizations that we're talking about – and you can't always predict that." The mechanics of how to do a merger are less important than the "why."

A few hard to resolve issues were discussed: at the end of 2019 the hospital district will have four seats open for election, and fire will have two. It is uncertain how this will impact the process. Whether or not to annex the Town into the Fire District is not quite resolved. How to deal with the outer islands remains a difficult question. The outer islands are a part of the EMS levy boundaries, but not a part of the Fire District. Also, if the current EMS levy is retired, the bond on the EMS building will need to be dealt with. The group further discussed how to handle the various levies involved.

New Business and Meeting Times:

February schedule was maintained for February 6 and February 20.

Public Comment:

Karin Agosta and Richard Grout made comments during the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Signed by Chair

Feb 6 2019
Date

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Attest: Nathan Butler, Board Recording Secretary for SJCPHD #1