

AGENDA
SAN RAFAEL FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M.
Public Safety Center, Lobby Conference Room
1375 5th Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

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1. Open Time for Public Expression

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2. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2024

Recommended Action: Amend and or approve as submitted.

3. Meet with ESCI Representatives – SRFD Standards of Coverage Site Assessment

Informational only. No action to be taken on these items.

4. Fire Foundation – Verbal Update from Commissioner Donna McCusker

Recommended Action: Accept Verbal Report and take appropriate action.

5. 150th Anniversary Sub Committee – Verbal Update from Commissioner Chung

Recommended Action: Accept Verbal Report and take appropriate action.

6. Current Media Coverage

California to ban plants 5 feet from homes in wildfire risk areas - San Francisco Chronicle

Editorial: Insurers must recognize Marin's fire-safety progress – Marin Independent Journal

7. Chair and Commission Member Reports:

-  Stan Burford– Chair
-  David Fonkalsrud- Vice Chair
-  Ken Johnson
-  Thomas Weathers
-  Donna McCusker
-  John Chung
-  Brian Waterbury

Informational only. No action to be taken on these items.

8. Fire Chief Report

Informational only. No action to be taken.

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CITY OF SAN RAFAEL

FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 4:02 p.m.

In person meeting at 1375 Fifth Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

The meeting was called to order at 4:02p.m. by Chair Burford

Present:

Chair Stan Burford

Commissioner David Fonkalsrud

Commissioner Ken Johnson

Commissioner John Chung

Commissioner Brian Waterbury

Thomas Wong

Chief Sinnott

1. Open Time for Public Expression

No public Comment.

2. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2024

Commissioner Fonkalsrud makes a motion to approve the draft minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

The minutes are adopted unanimously.

3. Fire Foundation – Verbal Update from Commissioner Donna McCusker

No update from the Fire Foundation.

4. 150th Anniversary Sub Committee – Verbal Update from Commissioner Chung

Commissioner Chung reports that all Open Houses are on the calendar.

The apparatus Parade will be the bigger event, it will happen on Labor Day, Monday, 09/02/2024, 11 a.m.

Commissioner Chung announces a \$5000 Budget, including: promotional materials, food and beverages and the cost of parade.

He asks for the Chief's support, as the Mayor offered to help cover some of the costs. The rest of the cost will be supported by the Fire Foundation.

Commissioner Chung gives more details about the projected cost of the parade. The price of the parade permit and the mandatory amount of the police overtime are still unknown, the insurance will cost \$419.

The Department of Public Works as well as the police coordinate to shut down the streets according to the map and requirements submitted starting at 10:30 to 12:30.

Commissioner Chung is hoping for the help of the Fire Explorers, the new recruits, and the San Rafael High Football Team.

Station 54 has a piece of metal from the World Trade Center. Captain Alvarez is working on getting authorization to display it on Station 54 Open House on 09/07/2024.

5. Chair and Commission Member Reports:

- Stan Burford– Chair: Chair Burford shows framed news paper articles from 1988, 1995.
- David Fonkalsrud- Vice Chair: Commissioner Fonkalsrud hopes to get an efficient advertisement of the calendar on the San Rafael Fire Department Social Medias.
- Ken Johnson: A meeting is planned with a new technology specialist, monitoring the wind. The goal is to get key data regarding the wildfire risk.
- Thomas Weathers: No report.
- John Chung: No report.
- Brian Waterbury: No report.

6. Fire Chief Report

Chief Sinnott's Report:

- Staff update: Chief Roman is the new Fire Chief. A new Battalion Chief will be promoted soon.
- Station 55 open house was a huge success.
- Taqueria San Jose has not reopened yet.
- Fire events: Discussion about relocation of the unhoused population presenting fire risks, in the name of safety.
- Discussion on the Building division new projects. Discussion on the Warehouse at 519 4th St.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM