

**CITY OF SAN RAFAEL
FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 09, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
In person meeting at 1375 Fifth Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chair Burford

Present:

Chair Stan Burford
Commissioner David Fonkalsrud
Commissioner John Chung
Commissioner Brian Waterbury
Commissioner Donna McCusker
Commissioner Ken Johnson
Chief Roman
Chief Sinnott

1. Open Time for Public Expression

No public Comment.

2. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2024

Chair Burford asks if there are any corrections or objections, hearing none, the minutes are adopted unanimously.

3. Fire Foundation – Verbal Update from Commissioner Donna McCusker

Commissioner McCusker provides an overview of the Fire Foundation. It was founded a decade ago by Leonard Thompson and current president. Everything the Foundation does and raises goes to the firefighters and department. The Foundation has purchased two previous boats and done the “boots for troops program”.

The Foundation meets monthly virtually for an hour. The crab feed this year has been canceled and is in serious need of additional support.

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

Sunday, December 15 will be the Station 51 open house. The memorial plaque will be remounted in the PSC lobby.

5. Current Media Coverage

Protecting Those Who Protect Us – *Marin Magazine*

Commissioner McCusker says that IAFF says 75% of fallen fighters honored at the fallen firefighter memorial in September were due to occupational cancer.

6. Chair and Commission Member Reports

Stan Burford– Chair: No report

David Fonkalsrud- Vice Chair: No report

Ken Johnson: FAIR Agent in Marin would like to come to the next Fire Commission to share what they are trying to do.

Donna McCusker: No report

John Chung: Asks about USAR and Chief indicated that we have a County USAR.

Brian Waterbury: Worked with the Marin County Fire History Museum since last meeting. Recorded a video that will be shared later.

7. Fire Chief Report

Chief Sinnott shared news and information regarding the department since the last meeting. A badge pinning ceremony was done and that will be held annually now. Two new ambulances have been purchased and added to the fleet.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.