

CITY OF SAN RAFAEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

July 8, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Chair Mizroch.

Present: Chair Stephen Mizroch, Vice Chair Larry Luckham, Nadine Hade, Eli Hill, Thomas Weathers, Stan Burford and David Fonkalsrud.

Staff: Fire Chief Darin White, City Clerk Lindsay Lara

1. Approval of Minutes: M/S Luckham/Burford to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2020 Fire Commission meeting.

- Chair Mizroch: Aye
- Vice Chair Luckham: Aye
- Commissioner Weathers: Aye
- Commissioner Hade: Aye
- Commissioner Hill: Aye
- Commissioner Fonkalsrud: Aye
- Commissioner Burford: Aye

2. Open Time for Public Expression. Robert Sandoval indicated that he has recently moved to the community and is observing the Fire Commission proceedings.

3. Fire Foundation Report. \$22,683 in account. Chair Mizroch shared that John Chew has joined the Fire Foundation. Further, the Crab Feed is still scheduled for December 2020; feasibility is under consideration.

4. Historic Subcommittee. Challenge coin design to include elements for both Fire and Police.

5. Commissioner Reports. The commissioners provided their reports:

- Chair Mizroch: Inquired if people had received a mailer from the City regarding sales tax in support of services.
- Vice Chair Luckham: Shared article on forest fire detection system.
- Commissioner Weathers: Shared observations about the new Public Safety Center.
- Commissioner Hade: Shared criticality of need to continue meeting virtually.
- Commissioner Hill: No report this month.
- Commissioner Fonkalsrud: Shared that safety tips were posted; working with Quinn Gardner on further updates. Inquired about potential changes to planned Fire Station improvements due to impacts of COVID-19 on budget.
- Commissioner Burford: Raised idea of "Talk To The Medic": hotline for public to talk to paramedics for questions about COVID-19. Commissioners and Chief White discussed the topic.

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6. Fire Chief's Report. Chief White provided verbal reports on several topics, including:

- PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)
 - Helicopter inspections are planned in support of efficient service restoration.
- Vegetation Management
 - AmeriCorps teams have been deployed.
- Defensible Space Temporary Seasonal Inspection Staff
 - Six personnel will start July 16th; 20-30 inspections/day for each inspector. Chief has directed the creation of Quick Action Plans (QAPs).
- Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) funding
 - San Rafael core allocation (~\$4.5M) and Defensible Space (~\$900k); enumerated and described several projects planned and in-progress.
- COVID-19 Impact
 - Provided update on how COVID-19 has impacted San Quentin prison population as well as San Rafael Fire Department first responders.
- Public Safety Center
 - Provided update on readiness of the facility.
- Lions Club procession to honor First Responders and Healthcare Workers
 - Planned for Tuesday July 14th.
- Recruitment
 - Three (3) people slated to attend Firefighter Recruit Academy on July 23rd.

12. Adjournment: The Fire Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Submitted,

Eli Hill, Fire Commission

