

CITY OF SAN RAFAEL

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

October 14, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 4:08p.m. by Chair Mizroch.

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

Staff: Chief Darin White

1. Approval of Minutes: M/S Luckham/Burford to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Fire Commission meeting.

- Chair Mizroch: Aye
- Vice Chair Luckham: Aye
- Commissioner Weathers: Absent at time of vote
- Commissioner Hade: Aye
- Commissioner Hill: Aye
- Commissioner Fonkalsrud: Aye
- Commissioner Burford: Aye

2. Open Time for Public Expression: None.

3. Fire Foundation Report. Stock donation made by Donna McCusker. Deposit for Crab Feed deferred to December 2021. Funding request will be going out; Jeff Kramer to match all donations. Discussion on spending priorities included Class A uniform subsidization, Emergency Operations Center computers, and cancer detection canine program.

4. Historic Subcommittee: Plans for display case and artifacts have been deprioritized. There was discussion on ways to provide community members a virtual tour and visibility to the Public Safety Center.

5. Commissioner Reports: The commissioners provided their reports.

- Chair Mizroch: Urged for people to get the flu shot.
- Vice Chair Luckham: Provided report on Public Works film and shared advanced European fire helmet.
- Commissioner Weathers: No report this month.
- Commissioner Hade: No report this month.
- Commissioner Hill: Shared progress on enhancing data capabilities for SRFD.

- Commissioner Fonkalsrud: Provided recognition to Quin Gardner for engagement with the community on emergency updates, crisis preparation, and wildfire prevention.
- Commissioner Burford: Raised topic of the use of freelance fire personnel; Chief White provided comments.

6. Fire Chief's Report: Chief White provided verbal report spanning several topics, including:

- Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA)
 - Northern California Council for The Community (NCCC) crews will be deployed 10/29 for six weeks to perform vegetation management focusing on open spaces.
 - Executive Director is Mark Brown; started on 10/1; will meet with Chief White in the week of 10/19.
 - Zone Haven has been engaged to develop evacuation plans and situational awareness.
- PG&E
 - Enhanced fire detection capabilities via new installations of HD cameras for fire detection.
 - Better grid segmentation to mitigate PSPS impacts via temporary substations and generation assets.
- COVID-19
 - Marin County is transition from Purple to Red.
- Fire Safe Marin
 - A-frame signs have been placed and flags have been raised on flagpoles to notify the public of Red Flag days.
 - Vegetation management specialists have been secured for year-round engagement.

Adjournment: The Fire Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 due to Veteran's Day.

Submitted,

Eli Hill, Fire Commission

