

**AGENDA  
SAN RAFAEL FIRE COMMISSION  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 13 @ 4:00 P.M.**

*Please click the link below to join the webinar:*

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*Members of the Public May Speak on Agenda Items*

**1. Open Time for Public Expression**

The public is welcome to address the Fire Commission at this time on matters not on the agenda that are within its jurisdiction. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Fire Commission is not permitted to discuss or take action on any matter not on the agenda unless it determines that an emergency exists, or that there is a need to take immediate action which arose following posting of the agenda. Comments may be no longer than two minutes and should be respectful to the community.

**2. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2020**

*Recommended Action: Amend and or approve as submitted.*


**3. Fire Foundation – Verbal Update from Appropriate Commissioner(s)**

*Recommended Action: Accept Verbal Report and take appropriate action.*


**4. Historic Subcommittee – Verbal Update from Appropriate Commissioner(s)**

*Recommended Action: Accept Verbal Report and take appropriate action.*

**5. Chair and Commission Member Reports:**

 Dr. Stephen Mizroch – Chair

 Larry Luckham – Vice Chair

 Thomas Weathers

 Nadine Hade

 Elias Hill

 David Fonkalsrud, Alternate

 Stan Burford, Alternate

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

**6. Fire Chief Report**

*Informational only. No action to be taken.*

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**CITY OF SAN RAFAEL**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

December 9, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 4:02p.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 November 12, 2020 Fire Commission meeting.

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

2. Open Time for Public Expression: None.

3. Fire Foundation Report. \$43,543: Includes this season's fundraising of \$20,821, which will be matched by Jeff Craemer. The Foundation provided Thanksgiving dinner to two vegetation management crews.

4. Historic Subcommittee: Chair Mizroch acquired two unnamed historic items related to the San Rafael Fire Department via eBay; will disclose later.

5. Commissioner Reports: The commissioners provided their reports.

- Vice Chair Luckham: Provided comments on the volunteer firefighters in the City of La Crucecita in Mexico.
- Commissioner Weathers: Provided comments on current work to help resolve jurisdictional issues for fire response for Native American reservations.
- Commissioner Hade: Offered gratitude to the public safety employees and firefighters for their service during the pandemic.
- Commissioner Hill: Provided comments on importance of maintaining residential smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and recognized Commissioner Hade for managing City of San Rafael finances through the pandemic.
- Commissioner Fonkalsrud: Indicated intention to engage with Quinn Gardner and David Catalinotto.

- Commissioner Burford: Proposed to recognize outgoing Mayor Gary Phillips, outgoing Police Chief Diana Bishop, and incoming Mayor Kate Colin.

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 who were focused on open spaces and create defensible space for homeowners will be departing soon
  - New crew will be joining after a period of quarantine through beginning of March 2021
  - Fire Safe Marin Chipper Days ended recently; discussed consideration for acquiring a City-owned chipper
  - Shared before and after photos of AmeriCorps vegetation management at a residence
- COVID-19
  - Discussed COVID-19 transmission, promoted mitigations for greetings, reinforced mask wearing, and cleaning measures.
  - Discussed COVID-19 vaccine distribution.
- Incidents
  - Cyclist rescued using transportation device provided to the department by Fire Foundation
  - High speed collision resulted in injuries and power outage
  - Structure fire in a mobile home; smoke and carbon monoxide alarms were not functioning due to dead batteries
- Hiring
  - Secured six vegetation management specialists as contractors year-round
  - Recognized Sean Rule, who is leaving the department at the end of December
- Discussion
  - Nadine inquired about responsibility for tree management; Chief White provided comments about responsibility among PG&E, property owner, and the City.

Chair Mizroch thanked the Commission for their service this year.

Adjournment: The Fire Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2020.

Submitted,

Eli Hill, Fire Commission