

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