

**AGENDA
SAN RAFAEL FIRE COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 10 @ 4:00 P.M.

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1. Open Time for Public Expression

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2. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2021

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

🏛️ 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

February 10, 2021

Meeting Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Mizroch.

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

Staff: Fire Chief Darin White

Before addressing the issues on the official agenda, Chair Mizroch took several moments to congratulate Eli Hill on his selection to the City Council. Mr. Hill was present at the meeting via telephone and expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their good wishes and also acknowledged each of the Commissioners individually.

1. Open Time for Public Expression

Additionally, before initiating the published agenda for 2/10/21, Chair Mizroch opened a discussion regarding two letters, both from Ms. Victoria DeWitt, a resident of Fremont Road, San Rafael. First letter of 1/31/21 to Mayor Kate Colin and the City Council members, with copies to Fire Chief Darin White and OES Manager Quinn Gardner. The second letter (essentially duplicate content) was sent to the Fire Commission Chair and Commission members. The substance of these letters reviewed a fire along Upper Fremont on 1/4/2016 and the difficulties of fighting that fire. Bringing those issues into current light, Ms. DeWitt provided information relating to a Planning Commission action on 9/15/20 regarding the approval of a building permit at 38 Upper Fremont.

Ms. DeWitt's main concern centered on the lack of adequate access along Upper Fremont for firefighting trucks and equipment.

Dr. Mizroch set the parameters for the discussion. Ms. DeWitt was present at the Commission meeting via phone and explained in detail her and her neighbors' concerns. Chief White responded. The Chief assured Ms. DeWitt that the new efforts by the MWPA and the emphasis on evacuation routes will include a fresh look at Upper Fremont. FC Luckham was able to add some history to the original 2016 events having been the incident photographer (Camera 50) at the time. Ms. DeWitt offered her thanks for the opportunity to speak to the Commission and terminated her participation.

With no further public comments, the meeting returned to the posted agenda.

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2. Approval of the Minutes: M/S Luckham/Burford moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 Fire Commission meeting.
3. FC Chair Mizroch provided a brief report regarding the Fire Foundation. Their new saving reported at \$66,974. A brief discussion of fund-raising ideas followed. Chief White presented an idea used by his son's school for a "drive by" crab feed (adapted because of Covid). The ongoing efforts of the Foundation to assist San Rafael firefighters with assistance paying for Class A uniforms has been expanded to include Marinwood firefighters as well.
4. Historic Subcommittee: No Report.
5. Commissioners' Report:
 - Chair Mizroch – Nothing to add to the above
 - Vice Chair Luckham – None
 - Commissioner Weathers – None
 - Commissioner Hade – None
 - Commissioner Forkalsrud – Efforts continue in coordination with David Catalinotto, and others, in the development of a Social Media awareness campaign planning calendar. Topics could include – smoke detectors, residential escape planning tips, pet fire safety, oily rag safety, electrical safety tips, go-bag preparation checklist, sign up for Alert Marin and multiple other topics.
 - Commissioner Burford – None
6. Fire Chief's Report; Chief White provided a report covering
 - Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority – Vegetation Management
 - Covid 19/Guidelines
 - Recent Emergency Incidents
 - Recent Department promotions

With the official agenda items completed, there was informal discussion on Commissioner selection in the wake of Eli Hill's departure. Several issues were noted and taken under advisement by senior staff.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted,
Stan Burford, Fire Commission