

AGENDA
SAN RAFAEL FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ 4:00 P.M.
Public Safety Center, Lobby Conference Room
1375 5th Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

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1. Open Time for Public Expression

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2. Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2023

Recommended Action: Amend and or approve as submitted.

3. Fire Foundation – Verbal Update from Commissioner Donna McCusker

Recommended Action: Accept Verbal Report and take appropriate action.

4. Current Media Coverage

Informational only. No action to be taken.

5. Chair and Commission Member Reports:

-  Stan Burford– Chair
-  David Fonkalsrud- Vice Chair
-  Ken Johnson
-  Thomas Weathers
-  Donna McCusker, 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 COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

In Person Meeting at 1375 Fifth Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Stan Burford.

Present:

Chair Nadine Stan Burford
Commissioner Ken Johnson
Commissioner Dave Fonkalsrud
Commissioner Thomas Weathers
Deputy Fire Chief Robert Sinnott

1. Open Time for Public Expression

No public comments

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Burford makes a motion to approve the draft minutes.

Motion approved.

Chair Burford moved to adopt the draft minutes.

The minutes were adopted unanimously.

3. Fire Foundation

Chair Burford presented on behalf of Donna McCusker

Chair Burford updates us on the need for volunteers for the Crabfeed on December 9th

4. Current Media Coverage

Commissioner Weathers talks about Maui Fires

Commissioner Fonkalsrud began by talking about the Fire break in Novato

Chief Sinnott began by touching on the vegetation management improvement in San Rafael

Chair Burford began by talking on the San Rafael San Anselmo fuel reduction zone project

5. Commissioners' Report

Commissioners Fonkalsrud:

Commissioner Fonkalsrud updates the commission on IT around social media channels

Commissioners Johnson:

Commissioner Johnson shares his take on the fire prevention efforts

Commission Weathers:

Commissioner Weathers asks Chief Sinnott about a ride along
Commission Weathers also asks about the fire commission vacancy

Chair Burford:

Chair Burford began by talking about the new rules and regulations
Chair Burford asks on the possibility of holding fire commission meetings at various fire stations
He also mentions the City Attorney will be attending October meeting
Chair Burford also asks about the benefits of possibly having different department heads attend a fire commission meeting
Chair Burford asks how often the fire department taps into a swimming pool

6. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Sinnott provides an overview of the Fire Chief's Report and answers any questions pertaining to it

Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm