

AGENDA
SAN RAFAEL FIRE COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 @ 4:00 P.M.

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Telephone: (669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 848-3223-7245#

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 – September 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

September 9, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

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

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

Absent: David Fonkalsrud

Staff: Chief Robert Sinnott, 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: Absent at time of vote
- Commissioner Hill: Aye
- Commissioner Fonkalsrud: Absent
- Commissioner Burford: Aye

2. Open Time for Public Expression: None.

3. Fire Foundation Report. \$26,267: Donna Mccusker made ~\$4,000 donation. Chair Mizroch shared that the Crab Feed has been cancelled due to safety concerns related to COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, request for donations will be sent to existing contacts with offer of Public Safety Center challenge coins.

4. Historic Subcommittee: No report.

5. Commissioner Reports: The commissioners provided their reports.

- Chair Mizroch: Urged for people to get the flu shot. Noted 170th birthday of the State of California. Recommended the film "Rebuilding Paradise". Sent gratitude to AmeriCorps for efforts to mitigate wildfire.
- Vice Chair Luckham: Shared advanced European fire helmet.
- Commissioner Weathers: No report this month.
- Commissioner Hade: Shared gratitude for the collegiality of the Fire Commission. Shared account of Cal OES fire response to an incident in San Luis Obispo.
- Commissioner Hill: Shared progress on enhancing data capabilities for SRFD.

- Commissioner Burford: Congratulated Paul and Yvonne Sasse on their 70th Anniversary; Paul retired as a Captain of the San Rafael Fire Department.

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

- Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA)
 - Director position may be solidified in the next week.
 - Inspection staff (6) have conducted 1600 inspections this season; have been received positively.
 - Northern California Council for the Community (NCCC) may be able to be deployed in October.
- Wildfire Safety Forum
 - Held on August 31, 2020, with Officer Sgt Eberly, Quinn Gardner, and Chief White. Addressed topics that included evacuations, defensible space, community risk mitigation.
- September is National Preparedness Month and Public Safety Mental Awareness
 - Quinn Gardner to hold a weekly session with the community this month.
- Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will be joining the department to support safety efforts
- COVID-19 Impact
 - Short-term lodging has been cleared for re-open with restrictions.
 - Additional types of businesses are under consideration for re-open.
 - Provided current statistics of COVID-19 infections and deaths.
- Wildfire update
 - As of September 6, 2020, 7,448 fires had been ignited, noting that there are 13 major incidents.
 - Woodward Fire no longer has any local resources assigned.
- Recruitment
 - Three (3) recruits graduated and joined San Rafael Fire Department on September 5th.
- Chief White, Chair Mizroch and Vice Chair Luckham provided comments to dispel misconception of analogizing herd immunity to wildfire.
- Public Safety Center tour is scheduled for Wednesday September 16, 2020.

Adjournment: The Fire Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

Submitted,

Eli Hill, Fire Commission