

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019, 7:00PM

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER, 775 MILLER CREEK ROAD, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903

#	Item	Commission Action
1	Agenda	Adopt
2	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items <i>Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. Speakers may comment only on non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission may not take action on, consider or debate items not on the agenda except under narrow circumstances meeting statutory tests. Response to comments on non-agenda items will be limited to factual information or clarifying questions from staff or Commission. The Chair may refer the matter to staff or to a future meeting agenda.</i>	
3	Commissioner Items of Interest	
4	Draft Minutes of September 3, 2019 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
6	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	
7	Adjourn	

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NEXT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
September 3, 2019

Time and Place: 7:00 PM Marinwood Community Center

Present:

Commissioners: Russ Albano, Tom Elsbree, Steve Farac, Pascal Karsenti, Ron Marinoff,

Absent: Greg Stilson

Board Director: Sivan Oyserman

Staff: San Rafael Deputy Chief Bob Sinnott, Captain Ryan Brackett, Sean Day, Michael Prince

Chair Albano called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. New Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Prince was introduced.

1. Agenda

M/s Farac/Marinoff to approve as presented. Ayes: Albano, Elsbree, Farac, Karsenti, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Stilson. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

The Commission received public comment regarding:

- a. 9-11 Ceremonial Flag Raising.
- b. Recognition of Fire Department back to full staffing.

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

Karsenti attended recent Firefighter Recruit Academy Graduation and stated how impressive it was. Karsenti also noted that the August Joint Fire Commission meeting was also impressive and looks forward to a future joint meeting.

Oyserman noted how impressive it was that San Rafael has received grant awards. Asks that Marinwood consider applying for future grants to help fund projects and programs.

Marinoff complimented County DPW for tree pruning and landscape maintenance along Lucas Valley Road.

Farac commented on the FIRESafe Marin magazine, *Living with Fire*.

4. Draft Minutes of June 4, 2019 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve Draft Minutes of June 4, 2019 Fire Commission meeting as presented. Ayes: Albano, Elsbree, Farac, Karsenti, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Stilson. Motion carried.

5. Draft Minutes of August 14, 2019 Marinwood and San Rafael Joint Fire Commission meeting

M/s Elsbree/Farac to approve Draft Minutes of August 14, 2019 Marinwood and San Rafael Joint Fire Commission meeting as presented. Ayes: Albano, Elsbree, Farac, Karsenti, Marinoff. Nays: None. Absent: Stilson. Motion carried.

6. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

7. Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items

Karsenti noted that the San Rafael Commissioners have badges and inquired about Marinwood Commissioners obtaining them as well.

Oyserman reiterated her desire for the Commission to pursue grants. Asked if EM Quinn Gardner to could attend the next meeting.

Farac noted his concerns with fire insurance cancellations. Wonders if attention towards the new Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority throws a spotlight on the issue that could lead to further cancellations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The date of the next Fire Commission meeting is Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Sinnott

Memo



To: Fire Commission
From: Christopher Gray, Fire Chief
Date: September 27, 2019
Re: Fire Department Update

Dear Marinwood Fire Commission,

- Marinwood Firefighters Brian Smith and Sean Day have successfully completed a rigorous promotional examination for Fire Engineer. Both are now on the eligibility list to fill a current vacancy. Great work! The next step in the process involves participation in a Chiefs Orals followed by the announcement of our next Fire Engineer and badge pinning.
- We received approval to have another NCCC AmeriCorps team here from 11/4/19-12/18/19 and Marinwood is included in the service area. The team will assist us with defensible space for residents and open space fuel reduction. The team will help create a more resilient and fire-safe San Rafael area. Members will contribute to the goals of the project by fulfilling assistance requests, removing hazardous fuels from private and public property, conducting community outreach and education. We also have a fuel reduction team from St. Louis coming in (fee for service) during the same time period.
- The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) JPA was approved by the Marin County Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2019, to do the following:
 1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County's participation in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) to participate in and form the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority;
 2. Direct staff to seek approval of the JPA from all fire responsible agencies; and
 3. In November, consider placing a Parcel Tax on the March 2020 ballot to fund the efforts.

By October 31, 2019, each of the 19 JPA members is requested to join the new JPA by 1) adopting the resolution authorizing participation in the JPA to participate in and form the new Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, and 2) passing the appropriate action to request the County of Marin to place the tax measure on the March 3, 2020 ballot.

Marinwood will significantly benefit from participation in the JPA and will have representatives on both the Board of Directors and Operations Committee.

The first of its kind, this fire prevention based multi-agency authority will be dedicated to funding, coordinating, and overseeing wildland fire detection, fuel reduction, public education, defensible space evaluations, and local agency wildfire prevention efforts. I am confident that creation and implementation of the MWPA will dramatically increase both community and firefighter wildfire safety in Marinwood and Marin County. More information can be found at <https://www.marinwildfire.org/>

Response Activity

Emergency call activity for September 2019 is provided below and displayed on the attached map.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: September 2019

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 80 emergency calls from September 1st through 25th, 2019. Another 12 calls were cancelled en route. Nearly two-thirds of the calls were medical incidents. The department also responded to a vegetation fire in Novato and had cover assignments on two more Novato vegetation fires.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER*	TOTAL
Marinwood	11	4	0	0	2	N/A	0	17
CSA 13	3	4	0	0	0	N/A	0	7
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	5	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	6
New JPA (East of 101)	24	3	2	0	0	N/A	0	29
SR Mutual Aid	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	8
MC JPA	4	2	1	0	0	N/A	0	7
Novato JPA	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
MC Mutual Aid	1	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	1
Novato Matrix	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	5
Total number	52	16	6	1	2	3	0	80
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>65.0%</i>	<i>20.0%</i>	<i>7.5%</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>2.5%</i>	<i>3.8%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	



Call types:	
MA	Medical assist
PSA	Service call
FA/NN	Fire alarm
FIRE	Fire
HAZMAT	Hazardous material incident (e.g., spill)
COVER	Coverage for other stations
OTHER	Other incident(s): NA

Average response time for Engine 58:	5 minutes, 10 seconds
Lights & Sirens:	5 minutes, 6 seconds

September 2019 Fire Incidents

Marinwood and San Rafael Fire Departments

Legend

-  Marinwood Fire
-  San Rafael Fire

Google Earth

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