

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020, 7:00PM

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#	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 June 2, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
5	Vegetation Management and Defensible Space Project Updates	Review
6	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
7	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	
8	Adjourn	

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**NEXT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER OR VIA TELECONFERENCE**

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
June 2, 2020

Time and Place: 7:00PM Via Teleconference

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Tom Elsbree, Pascal Karsenti, Ron Marinoff, Greg Stilson

Absent: None

Board Director: Sivan Oyserman

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, San Rafael Fire Chief Darin White

Farac called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Agenda

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments from the public.

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

-Karsenti inquired about the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority and how revenue and tax losses might impact wildfire prevention.

-Stilson announced that the annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast will be cancelled this year due to the public health crisis.

-Elsbree announced the Las Gallinas Lions Club had cancelled their upcoming annual car show

-Farac inquired as to any status on research of sirens and other emergency alert systems

4. Draft Minutes of March 3, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Marinoff/Elsbree to approve Draft Minutes of March 3, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. All in favor.
Motion carried unanimously

5. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commissioner Marinoff left the meeting at 8:30 PM

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Updates on MWPA and other wildfire prevention projects

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

The date of the next Fire Commission meeting is July 7, 2020.

Submitted,
Eric Dreikosen



Staff Report

To: Fire Commission
From: Eric Dreikosen, District Manager
Date: July 7, 2020
Re: Vegetation Management Project Updates

Commissioners,

With the much-appreciated guidance and assistance of the San Rafael Fire Department Vegetation Management Inspectors, we have identified multiple unique vegetation management and defensible space project opportunities. The priority focus at this time was creation of defensible space zones along specific higher-risk areas of the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) where Marinwood Open Space properties directly border private residential properties.

With the voter approval of Measure C which established the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) through a county-wide parcel tax, Marinwood anticipates receiving approximately \$64,000 to be used exclusively for the purposes of vegetation management. The identified projects were submitted to the MWPA and included amongst other member agency projects submitted to the MWPA Board of Directors for funding approval. The MWPA Board of Directors approved the recommended projects and associated funding at their meeting conducted June 18, 2020.

Vegetation management projects submitted and approved on behalf of Marinwood included:

- Idylberry Road to Blackstone Drive: Goat grazing in addition to mechanical and/or contracted clearance
- Ellen Drive/Las Gallinas: Mechanical and/or contracted clearance
- Elvia Court: Shaded fuel break within areas of dense trees

We will continue working with personnel from SRFD as we plan implementation of these projects. While we do not anticipate the available funding will afford the opportunity to fully complete all projects, we will be able to make significant progress and improvements in all of these listed areas. San Rafael has agreed to incorporate the current AmeriCorps St. Louis team they have contracted to perform some of this work, passing on the direct cost of their time spent on these projects to Marinwood.

In the meantime, we were able to complete goat-grazing activities in the open space bordering private residences from the County facilities on Idylberry Road to Queenstone Fire Road. Pictures have been included on the following page for your reference.

Goat-Grazing in Marinwood





To: Marinwood Fire Commissioners

From Darin White, Fire Chief

Date: July 1, 2020

Re: Fire Department Update

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority-

There are 4 Core Programmatic Areas. They include:

- Emergency Evacuations and Notifications
- Unified Approach to Vegetation Management
- Increased Education On Wildfire Mitigation
- Access to Matching Grants

There are 2 additional areas:

- Vegetation Management Inspections and Evaluation of buildings and homes, and defensible space
- Individual Agency Specific Needs (i.e. local vegetation management needs)

Projects will fall under three main categories: Core Allocation (60%) estimated at 322,060 , Defensible Space- (20%) estimated at \$64, 412 and local agency specific (20%) estimated at \$64,412.

As part of the MWPA workplan and project submission for Marinwood, we've submitted projects for goat grazing and mechanical clearing of defensible space in the area of Ellen Drive/Las Gallinas Ave, as well as Idylberry to Blackstone. We've also submitted projects for the Elvia Court area wildland urban interface to create a shaded fuel break in open space bordering private homes.

All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) paperwork has been submitted and this was done in 3 general categories: Evacuation routes, goats, and open space. Currently, the Executive Officer selection is underway.

Vegetation Management

I am pleased to report that staff has interviewed 7 prospective candidates to serve as Defensible Space inspectors. We received well over 30 applications and narrowed the field to the top 1/3rd of candidates. Our final 7 appear to have a great mix of experience, motivation, and demonstrated interest in reducing risk to our communities. As stated before last year we had 2 inspectors conducting vegetation management inspections and this year we now anticipate being staffed with up to 8-10 inspection staff.

Live Fire Training Burn

On Friday June 19, 2020 after receiving a few calls of concern about air quality in Marinwood, I spoke with Marin county Battalion Chief Graham Groneman (the training coordinator) and explained the concern. He apologized for the situation and acknowledged that there had been a similar challenge a couple years ago with wind conditions and the plume affecting the kids/youth camps. He asked for a point of contact to speak with so that he could better coordinate his burn dates with the staff who schedule the camp dates and activities. I provided him with two points of contact: Luke Fretwell, Recreation Director and Robyn Bruton, Assistant Recreation Director. After that day's burn Chief Groneman moved the burn toward the Novato area.



AmeriCorps Crews Arrive!





New AmeriCorps Vegetation Management Team

A new AmeriCorps team has arrived from St. Louis to clear vegetation in City open space and assist homeowners with creating defensible space. They have been learning much about the ecology and community around San Rafael and have spent several days at Hartzell Park preparing the area for the coming herd of goats. This includes limbing trees, weed whipping, and removing and piling all sorts of fuels while trying their best to avoid poison oak.

We are excited to host the AmeriCorps St. Louis team for the next two months and greatly appreciate their hard work protecting our community. So far, they have spent two days working in Marinwood. After the 4th of July holiday 4-6 more AmeriCorps crew members will arrive.

Guidelines/COVID-19:

On June 29, 2020 some additional businesses were approved to re-open including, hair salons, barber shops, camping and indoor dining at restaurants. This decision takes into consideration the following:

- Governor's allowances/orders
- Continued review of indicators
- The curve has recently and continuously risen *
- Hospitals are receiving an increased number of patients from San Quentin and are still prepared for a surge
- Testing sites are in operation 5 days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and these will expand to 7 days a week.
- Increased availability of testing
- The County is transitioning from 3 disinfection sites to 1. Novato closed at noon June 30th, San Rafael and Marin Catholic closed at 3p.m. on June 30th. A new site opened July 1st at 0800hrs. at the Marin Center – Ave of Flags. The Emergency Operations Center is in the process of ordering disinfection kits and foggers for the Stations/apparatus.

*The prior guidance indicated that a steady decrease in cases or at least no increases over a several days period or more would factor into decisions about expanding the resumption of activities.

New re-opening guidelines took effect on June 29th and has effectively increased the number of businesses who can return to some form of active status including barbershops, beauty salons, summer camps, certain daycare facilities along with possible upcoming guidance for places of worship.

As of June 30, 2020, The United States had 2,634,432 cases reported; 127,410 deaths; California has 230,981 cases and 6,081 deaths to-date. Out of 24,227 cases in the Bay Area, Marin County figures are as follows: 1235 confirmed cases, 19 deaths, 20 persons currently hospitalized and 65 others who had been hospitalized previously. These figures do not include the recent COVID-19 figures involving San Quentin prison inmates and staff. The number of positive tests has been trending upward over the past few weeks due to increased testing and possible exposures. Currently, nearly 31,000 Marin County residents have completed the testing.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: June 2020

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 111 emergency calls in June 2020; of these, 15 calls were cancelled en route. The majority of the calls were medical incidents. The Department responded to three fires; a vehicle fire in Marinwood (see photo on next page), a retaining wall fire in San Rafael (Mount Marin) and, a vegetation fire in Novato. COVID-19 was suspected on one of the Department’s medical assist calls.

Incidents by Area and Type								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/N N	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER*	TOTAL
Marinwood	15	6	1	1	2	N/A	0	25
CSA 13	7	3	0	0	1	N/A	0	11
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	2	3	1	1	0	N/A	0	7
New JPA (East of 101)	32	7	3	0	1	N/A	0	43
SR Mutual Aid	4	7	2	0	0	0	0	13
MC JPA	3	1	1	0	0	N/A	0	5
Novato JPA	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato Matrix	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	7
Total Numbers	63	31	8	3	4	2	0	111
Percentage of total	56.8%	27.9%	7.2%	2.7%	3.6%	1.8%	0.0%	

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, 28 seconds

Fire Incidents



Delivery Truck Fire - Arson Suspected

During the late evening hours on June 4, 2020, a delivery truck parked behind the Marinwood Market was destroyed by a fire that appears to have been intentionally set. Security video from behind the market shows two or three individuals in an older model BMW SUV drive into the loading dock area. The fire starts as the vehicle is then seen leaving the back of the market. Marin County Sheriff's Department is investigating.