

MARINWOOD FIRE COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024, 7:00PM

Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

Instructions on how to make a public comment during the meeting: At points in the meeting when the meeting chair requests public comment, members of the public shall indicate their desire to speak. All public comments shall be addressed to the Commission and limited to three minutes per speaker. The Commission may choose to respond to comments or request staff to respond at the conclusion of the respective public comment period.

#	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	Update on Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness Efforts (verbal report)	Discuss
4	Commissioner Items of Interest	Discuss
5	Draft Minutes of April 2, 2024 Fire Commission Meeting	Approve
6	Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary	Review
7	Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items	Discuss
8	Adjourn	

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 6, 2024
AT MARINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
April 2, 2024

Time and Place: 7:00PM at Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Rd, San Rafael

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Steve Farac, Pascal Karsenti, Greg Stilson

Absent: John Seratt

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, San Rafael Fire Chief Abe Roman

Board: Kathleen Kilkenny

1. Agenda

No edits were requested by Commissioners. Chair Farac adopted the agenda as presented.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No comments from the public were received.

3. Commissioner Items of Interest

-District Manager Dreikosen announced that Commissioner Tom Elsbree has resigned from Commission due to personal reasons.

-Chair Farac inquired as to any updates to the ongoing home insurance concerns in regards to wildfires.

-Chair Farac inquired as to any update regarding cost recovery efforts for emergency response calls.

4. Draft Minutes of February 6, 2024 Fire Commission Meeting

M/s Stilson/Karsenti to approve Draft Minutes of February 6, 2024 Fire Commission Meeting as presented. Ayes: Farac, Karsenti, Stilson. Nays: None. Absent: Seratt. Motion carried.

5. Formation of Working Group to Identify and Present Potential Strategic Initiatives for Future Fire Commission Projects

Commission discussed and clarified scope, purpose and temporary duration of working group.

M/s Stilson/Karsenti to approve creation of ad-hoc working group to identify potential strategic initiatives and to appoint Commissioners Stilson and Seratt to the working group. Ayes: Farac, Karsenti, Stilson. Nays: None. Absent: Seratt. Motion carried.

6. Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

Commission received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary.

7. Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Update on MWPA projects including possible meeting participation by SRFD vegetation management specialist(s).

-Updates from newly formed strategic initiative working group.

-Karsenti requested information regarding any known unified wildfire risk assessment models.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Eric Dreikosen



Marinwood Fire Commission Meeting – Fire Chief’s Report -

Meeting Date: June 4th 2024

Submitted by: Abraham Roman, Interim Fire Chief

STAFFING UPDATES

- Continue to pursue the hiring of one vacancy.

OPERATIONS DIVISION UPDATES

New dispatch center is moving forward with construction nearing completion. Marin County Fire has already started assuming some dispatch responsibilities.

Marinwood Fire Department Statistics: May 2024

The Marinwood Fire Department responded to 106 emergency calls in May 2024. A little over half were for medical assistance. Engine 58 responded to three fires, one of which was off of Smith Ranch Road on Cresta Way. Engine 58 was first on scene to a small 50' x 50' grass fire which was burning slowly down hill. E58 pulled a wildland attack line and extinguished the fire. The fire was caused by someone playing with homemade fireworks and flammables.

<i>Incidents by Area and Type</i>								
Area	MA	PSA	FA/NN	FIRE	HAZMAT	COVER	OTHER	TOTAL
Marinwood	13	6	1	0	0	N/A	0	20
CSA 13	10	2	2	0	0	N/A	0	14
Old JPA (Mont Marin)	8	2	0	0	0	N/A	0	10
New JPA (East of 101)	27	5	6	1	0	N/A	0	39
SR Mutual Aid	3	8	0	1	0	1	0	13
MC JPA	1	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	2
MC Mutual Aid	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0
Novato	1	3	0	1	1	2	0	8
Total number	63	27	9	3	1	3	0	106
<i>Percentage of total</i>	<i>59.4%</i>	<i>25.5%</i>	<i>8.5%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>2.8%</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): n/a

Average response time for Engine 58: 5 minutes, 25 seconds

TRAINING DIVISION UPDATES

Completed firefighter down training and now in the process of completing our annual Wildfire training sessions. Next month we will conduct MCI training.

MAJOR INCIDENTS UPDATE

On April 22, Engine 58 and additional San Rafael companies responded to a fire that impacted two structures. The fire began in a side yard and spread to the homes. Thanks to quick thinking and relying on sound training, the crew on E58 did an excellent job of preventing this fire from damaging the living areas of the home!

PREVENTION DIVISION UPDATES

As the contract Fire Prevention Bureau for the Marinwood CSD, staff has completed a preliminary review of the proposed Marinwood Plaza project located next to the Marinwood Market. The project calls for four three-story residential apartment buildings with 125 affordable units; one of which would contain ground floor commercial space.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION DIVISION UPDATES

Quinn's team is engaged in extensive training and orientation with the new Defensible Space Seasonal Inspectors that started on May 1st.

Queenstone Fire Road

- A section of Queenstone fire road had fuels reduction work completed in March to reduce invasive and overgrown fuels along the roadway (mostly French Broom)
- This work helped to create a fuel reduction buffer on each side of the fire road and eliminated ladder fuels along the roadway
- This work was completed by a contracted crew using Core Measure C funds
- A map that displays the work area is attached
- Eric is still looking into the possibility of improving portions of the fire road with Measure C funds eventually. A JPA-wide fire road survey may be completed by the MWPA first, but this is still being discussed

Blackstone Open Space fuel reduction project

- We are currently receiving estimates on this project from contractors. Once all estimates are received, we will bring them to Eric for review prior to beginning the project
- A map that displays the project area is attached. This fuel break will take place around homes along Las Gallinas Ave, Blackstone Drive, Blackstone Lane, and Valleystone Drive
- CEQA compliance is being finalized
- It is estimated that the project will occur sometime before June. Exact timeline TBD per CEQA compliance finalization and Marinwood staff approval. This project will be funded using Marinwood Local Measure C funds
- The Blackstone Open Space project will continue and expand upon the shaded fuel break that has already been established behind homes from 1010 Idylberry Dr to 460 Peachstone Terrace (initial treatment for this fuel break took place in 2021, and vegetation maintenance work took place in Winter 2023)

OES - DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DIVISION UPDATES

Manny Albano, Community Preparedness Coordinator has left for a job in Sonoma County. We are continuing work on our Wildfire Playbook, hope to be getting that done soon.