

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory Board
July 23, 2018
Youth Center
16 Park Road

Mission Statement: “To foster goodwill and community spirit in Fairfax through volunteer activities.”

Members in attendance: Geo Taylor, Holly Bragman, Chance Cutrano, Marcia Custer, Georgia Gibbs. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager; Others in attendance: Council Member John Reed

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the June 25th meeting were approved.

1) **Reports**

- **Chair** –Geo announced that Mary Ann Maggiore has rescinded her request to sponsor a job fair for the millennials of Fairfax.
- **Treasurer-** Marcia announced the Town’s account spent the remaining funds for FY 2017-18 on hats with the Volunteer’s logo. The Bank of America checking account has a balance of \$4,839.82. The allocated budget for FY 2018-19 is \$5,000, with an additional \$1,000 to go towards rental of storage space at the Fairfax Community Church for the food bank supplies.
- **Coordinator** –Maria distributed the new hats with the logo.
- **Discussion** – John Reed announced that the trail at Hillside & Forrest Terrace would be a good trail for volunteers to work on.

2) **New Business**

- a. **Iron Springs Give Back Tuesday** – Geo, Holly, Georgia attended the event. Maria & Marcia were unable to attend. It was suggested that next year the event be booked when all members are available.
- b. **Creek clean-up – July 14th** –Everybody agreed that the event went extremely well. Nizza Sequeria of the Marin Sonoma Mosquito Vector Control Board attended and made a presentation on mosquito and tick borne illnesses (West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease). She brought sample of mosquito larvae and ticks for show and tell. Geo stated he would like to include a blurb from the information in a future newsletter. Holly added that they include yellow jackets as part of their pest control. Georgia requested that Maria send Nizza hand written thank you note. A total of 20 people from the public attended the creek clean-up. A truck load of debris was pulled from the creek. A futon mattress remains under the Fair Anselm shopping center, which is private property. John, Jesse & Chance will remove it this coming Saturday.
- c. **Chipper days- highlights-** Maria gave an update on the success of the recent chipper days. Over the weekend of July 14 & 15th, the Cascade neighborhood

received door-to-door pick up service, yielding at total of 17 tons of brush. Additional pick up was required when 6 debris boxes were filled up (two more had to be brought out from Marin Sanitary by 11 a.m. Saturday morning). The remainder of the brush was picked up by Aaron Corbierre of Tree Man the following Monday, Friday & Saturday. Those tonnage figures have not yet been reported by Marin Sanitary, to include in the total. The first chipper day at Olema & Sir Francis Drake Blvd. brought in 3 tons of waste. The Deer Park chipper day on Saturday, July 21st yielded 6 tons. Another chipper day remains at the Pavilion parking lot on Saturday, July 28th. At the recent Town Council meeting, a request was made to hold two more chipper events. One will be a pick up for the Manor Hill neighborhood, to be staged at the Pavilion parking lot. The second will be a drop off for the Marinda neighborhood, to take place at Olema & Sir Francis Drake Blvd. They will be held on August 18th and August 11th, respectively. The cost of the pick up weekend was \$16,000, with an additional \$3,000 charged for the remaining pick up. The cost of the one day drop off was approximately \$3,000.

- d. **Town-wide picnic**-the group decided to set up a sub-committee consisting of all the members. A sub-committee meeting will be scheduled for next Thursday, August 2nd at 4:00 p.m. Maria will prepare and post the agenda.
- e. **Rectification of water bill** –Maria announced with pleasure that the County library submitted two bills for the period since October 2016. One was for \$116.35 for the remainder of 2016. The other was for \$488.76 for 2017. Maria submitted them to Marcia for payment. Everybody was ecstatic that this action has been taken.
- f. **Adoption of 2018 goals**- Maria distributed the revised goals. **ACTION ITEM: The Volunteer Board officially adopted the goals.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting was set for 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 27th to accommodate work schedules. Geo would like the Board to consider hosting a “Talk to the Contractor” workshop for the community in the near future.