

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory Board
June 25, 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, Glenn Michelson,. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager; Others in attendance: Sgt. Rico Tabaranza, Corporal Jonathan Judge, Fairfax Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the May 21st meeting were approved.

1) Reports

- **Chair** –Geo asked Maria to send out the letter to the Marin County library regarding the water bill issue.
- **Treasurer-** Maria announced the Town account has a budget of \$630 and the Bank of America checking account has a balance of \$4,839.82. The remainder of the Town funds will be used to purchase hats with the Volunteer logo.
- **Coordinator** –Maria announced that the following chipper days will take place: June 30th – Olema & Sir Francis Drake Blvd.; July 14 & 15- Doc Edgar Park, as well as a door-to-door pick up program in the Cascades (since they have become certified as a “Fire Wise” neighborhood; July 21st Deer Park; July 28th Pavilion parking lot. All events will run from 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Discussion** – Chance announced he will be attending an Age Friendly Fairfax meeting on July 27th to speak on the activities of the Volunteer Board.

2) New Business

- a. **Crime watch in Fairfax** – Sgt. Rico Tabaranza and Corporal Jonathan Judge attended the meeting at the request of the Volunteer Board to give an overview on crime in Fairfax. Glenn was inquiring as to a series of break-ins that occurred on Frustuck, in his neighborhood, several months ago. Rico distributed a handout that summarized the different types of crimes that occur, what month crime peaks, etc. Oftentimes they are crimes of opportunity, due to residents leaving doors unlocked, items in cars, etc. Johnathan stressed that surveillance cameras are a great deterrent in crime. They also recommended signing up for Nixle alerts so residents can be notified of crime occurrences as well as emergencies.
- b. **Creek clean-up July 14th 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** –the group decided they would like to invite an expert on creek life/awareness from an environmental group to lead the orientation of creek clean-up. Maria has reached out to SPAWN, and is waiting to hear back. She also suggested the “Friends of Corte Madera Creek”. Chance has a connection with the Watershed Alliance of Marin, and

will put Maria in contact with them. Holly suggested inviting a representative from the Marin Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control. The group will focus on the area of the creek near Peri Park, which is in greatest need of cleaning. Georgia inquired as to what other areas of the creek would be addressed. Maria added she was contacted by a resident via Council Member Renee Goddard who would like to focus on Canyon Village, and removing ivy that has grown along the creek bed. Maria will provide coffee and refreshments the morning of the creek clean-up, as well as gloves for the participants.

- c. **Fairfax Festival June 9 & 10th**-the group received about 10 sign ups from having a table at Ecofest. It was suggested that perhaps next year the Board pay for a table, to have a more prominent location at the Ecofest.
- d. **Approval of hats with logo**-Holly brought the prototype of the hat that Katie has created for the Volunteer Board. **ACTION ITEM: The group voted to purchase 20 hats with the Volunteer logo and the website on the back.**
- e. **Give Back Tuesday at Iron Springs-July 17th**- Maria has sent out an invitation to this event. Maria has also sent the logo to Iron Springs for publicity purposes. Geo, Glenn & Chance will be at the event. The group will display their banner and provide postcards with upcoming events at the information table. Holly suggested doing a Facebook invite for the event. Maria will ask Camille to handle this.
- f. **Adoption of 2018-19 goals**-the group went through the list of the goals and make some minor adjustments. The goals will cover the fiscal year 2018/19.
- g. **Becoming a fire wise community**- Geo stated that his neighborhood, the Cascades, has become certified as a fire wise community after going through a series of exercises. This has enabled them to be eligible for a door-to-door pilot pick up program for chipper days.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Topics for the July 23rd meeting will include: picnic planning & creek clean-up outcome.