



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

February 5, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Receive written report on Councilmembers' assignments, committees, and activities in December

RECOMMENDATION

Receive written report.

DISCUSSION

At its annual retreat, the Town Council reached consensus to include a monthly list of the meetings each Councilmember attended in the preceding month. The idea was to use the meeting time under the agenda section entitled "Council Reports and Comments" to highlight one of those meetings. The following list includes activities from January 15 – February 5.

Mayor Goddard

- Attended 2 "Plastic Free Marin" steering committee meetings
- Met with Anne Mannes (Fairfax Recreation) and Council Member Hellman to plan the youth/teen programming for Winter/Spring 2020. The Town will be hosting an Open microphone evening, a Dodgeball evening, a Ping Pong tournament, and a Battle of the Bands. Please check out the new Fairfax Recreation Catalog.
- Attended the MLK celebration in Marin City
- Attended the League of California Cities training for Mayors and new Council Members in Sacramento.
- Participated in a roundtable discussion with Jared Huffman regarding solutions for addressing Homelessness and the need for Federal assistance. This was an opportunity for County agencies, non-profits and elected officials to present Marin's work using 'Whole Person Care', and the effectiveness of the 'Housing First' model which has been extremely successful in housing the most vulnerable in Marin County.
- Hosted and moderated the film The Story of Plastic and a panel following the screening at the Women's Club. This was by invitation for local businesses, non-profits and staff from around the county to begin discussions about single use plastics reduction ordinances.
- Attended the Fairfax FireWise neighborhood leads quarterly meeting
- Attended the Cascade Canyon FireWise annual strategy meeting.
- Attended the Zero Waste Marin Joint Powers Authority quarterly meeting.
- Assisted in a training for 'Children For Change' helping youth activists develop public speaking and advocacy skills.
- Attended a Fairfax Festival Committee meeting

Vice Mayor Ackerman

- Jan 15 Council meeting
- Jan 22 MCCMC meeting
- Jan 24 Film showing The Story of Plastic at Women's Club
- Jan 25 Climate Action Committee annual goal-setting meeting
- Feb 4 Environmental Forum of Marin Panel on Microgrids
- Feb 5 Council meeting

Councilmember Coler

- Attended Prohibition on Sexual Harassment & Discrimination Town staff training (Jan 22)
- Attended Community Media Center of Marin Board meeting (Jan 23)
- Attended MCCMC Legislative Committee meeting (Jan 27)
MCCMC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE- Scope of Advocacy Fiscal Protection: Protect city revenues from state.
 - a) Local Control: Support legislation that enhances local control of resources to provide services while supporting regional cooperation. Oppose unfunded mandates and preemption of local authority and control of land use.
 - b) Transportation Investment: Promote stable transportation finance structure for state and local government. Multimodal, enhancing livable communities.
 - c) Housing/Land use: Protect local government land use authority. Oppose punitive housing legislation, and legislation that restricts or reduces local discretion on land use decisions.
 - d) Other legislation can be recommended to MCCMC at a regular meeting.
- Attended Fairfax Open Space Committee meeting (Jan 28)

Councilmember Hellman

- Jan 16 Tam Union High School District Community Forum at Drake High School
- Jan 22-23 League of California Cities: New Mayors and Councilmembers conference
- Jan 28 Attended Ross Valley School District Board meeting
- Jan 28 Children 4 Change White Hill School meeting to discuss Amazon initiative
- Feb 3 Drake High School Racial Equity Team meeting

Councilmember Reed

- Jan 22 Prohibition on Sexual Harassment & Discrimination Town staff training
- Jan 22 Marin Council of Mayors and Councilmembers "MCCMC"
- Jan 23 Transportation Authority of Marin Board meeting
- Jan 24 Huffman Town Hall in San Rafael