



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

April 15, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Receive written report on Councilmembers' assignments, committees, and activities March 5 to April 15, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Receive written report.

DISCUSSION

At its 2019 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 in the month of February.

Mayor Goddard

- Local Task Force for JPA Solid and Hazardous Waste (Zero Waste Marin)
- Presented and assisted local youth (Children 4 Change) with advocacy skills related to affordable housing and equity, and policies to support plastic waste reduction in the environment.
- MCCMC Homeless Policy Sub-Committee
- Ross Valley Fire Board meeting
- Two Fairfax Festival Committee meetings
- Town/Chamber of Commerce liaison meeting X2

Beginning on **March 16th** with the County Shelter In Place order (SIP)
In partnership with Council Member Hellman:

*initiated and co-manage the Town 1 to 1 Volunteer Match Program

with help from Maria Baird, Recreation and Community Services Staff.

-Enrolled 20plus volunteers and distributed 3200 yellow door hangers to every household in Fairfax. The program has engaged 110 volunteers and 32 people have reached out for special assistance.

*Working directly with The Chamber of Commerce to develop a new website page specifically to support and promote Fairfax Businesses during the Covid-19 SIP and moving forward through the recovery process.

*Twice weekly Zoom meetings of the Fairfax Covid Task Force

*Participated in the Countywide video message from the Mayors project.

*Assisting Whistlestop with the establishment of Fairfax Friday evening distribution of 150 free meals from San Anselmo Insalata's..including meals for Bennett House residents. 150 FREE pre-packaged meals will be delivered to Fairfax every Friday for 2 months.

Thank you to Insalata's!

Vice Mayor Ackerman

(To be reported at the meeting)

Councilmember Coler

- Attended Special Town Council meeting (March 17)
- Attended MCE board meeting (March 19, April 10) – virtual by zoom
- attended Fairfax age friendly meetings (March 27) - virtual by zoom
- Attended MCE executive board meeting (April 3) - virtual by zoom
- Chaired Marin Telecommunications Agency meeting (April 8) – transition to MGSA resolutions with associated documents, Comcast settlement and reserves distribution, MTA audit, MGSA/MTA budget - virtual by teleconference
- Attended LAFCO budget committee meeting (April 13) – budget for next fiscal year - virtual TBD method

Councilmember Hellman

- March 16: Kicked off and led Coronavirus Task Force Meeting with community leaders on March 16. This group is responsible standing up the Fairfax 1:1 Volunteer Matching Program which launched on March 20.
 - Hosted subsequent meetings on March 23, March 29, April 1, April 6 and April 10.
- March 10: Climate Action Committee
- March 27, April 5: Attended and contributed to Climate Action sub-committee which aims to double enrollments this year for MCE / DEEP Green /Renewable Energy.
- April 6: Attended VOAD’s Neighbor-to-Neighbor Coordination Meeting and consulted other communities on best practices related to Fairfax’s current 1:1 volunteer matching program. (VOAD is The National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster is a coalition of the major national voluntary organizations in the United States that have made disaster-related work a priority.)
- March 17 Special Town Council meeting
- Week of March 30th and April 6, participated in a series of discussions collecting feedback from small businesses and members of the community and neighboring communities on how to support merchants during COVID-19. Collaborating with Chamber of Commerce on a solution to offer promotions and drive revenue.

Councilmember Reed

- Ross Valley Fire Department Board
- March 17 Special Town Council meeting
- Economic Forum (webinar)