



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

March 3, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Receive Councilmember reports on Councilmembers' assignments, committees, and activities in in February

RECOMMENDATION

Receive Councilmember activities report.

DISCUSSION

Each month, each Councilmember provides a list of the meetings they attended in the preceding month on behalf of the Town, for inclusion in this report. Under the agenda section entitled "Council Reports and Comments" Councilmembers may choose to highlight one of those meetings. The following list includes activities since February 3, 2021.

Mayor Ackerman

- 2/3 Council Meeting
- 2/4 MCE Technical Committee
- 2/4 CAP Update Subcommittee
- 2/4 RESJ Regular Meeting
- 2/6 Town Council listening session re possible SFD renaming
- 2/9 CAP Update Subcommittee
- 2/11 PPPSA (subcommittee of RESJ) meeting
- 2/16 Climate Action Committee regular meeting
- 2/17 Council Meeting
- 2/18 CAP Update Subcommittee
- 2/20 CAP Update Subcommittee
- 2/22 CAP Update Subcommittee
- 2/24 MCCMC meeting, and City Selection Committee meeting
- 2/25 PPPSA (subcommittee of RESJ) meeting

Vice Mayor Hellman

(To Be distributed prior to the meeting)

- **Councilmember Coler**
- Attended District Attorney Frugoli forum on anti-Semitism (Feb 4)
- Attended MCE Executive Committee meeting (Feb 5) – Exec. Comm. provided feedback/approvals where requested for items to be presented to the full Board on Feb 18 (see below) and other matters.
- Attended Special Town Council RE: Community Listening Session on Renaming of SFD Blvd. (Feb 6)

- Attended Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting (Feb 11) - Approved Final Resolutions to dissolve CSA 23 & CSA 25 (both have not been functional and have not had assets for years); Received draft of Supplement to Novato MSR Flood Control District 1 (public comment period ends in March); approved annexation of new home build into San Rafael Sanitary District; approved 2018/2019 audit; Coler assigned to Budget subcommittee by Chair. Approved LAFCO holding a virtual shared services workshop on April 29 (9am-12).
- Attended Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) Board meeting (Feb 18) – Update on Environmental Compliance Process and Approval of RFP for environmental consultant to MWPA; follow-up discussion on Retreat and draft Mission/Vision Statements; Approved Grand Jury Evacuation Study report; etc.
- Attended Countywide HUD CDBG funding Committee meeting (Feb 18) – interviewed/appointed 4 community members from protected classes to the Committee to represent 4 areas of the County (Lower Ross Valley, Novato, San Rafael, West Marin).
- Attended MCE Clean Energy Board meeting (Feb 18) – presentation on new MCE program to be launched by April 1 (MCE Targeted Customer Relief to provide \$10 discount/month for CARES/FERA customers; discount/month for disadvantaged small businesses; presentation on Black History Month. Budget update - \$10.8M less than projected due to blackouts and energy costs increase, doubling of non-payers during Covid than prior years. Manageable and with changes in a policy on energy procurement and other techniques - will not have significant impact. MCE just launched two new solar renewable energy projects: Desert Harvest (80 megawatts in Riverside County); Little Bear (160 megawatts, Fresno – largest MCE project to date).
- Attended Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee (Feb 22) – Approved sending an Oppose Letter RE: SB 9, Housing Bill (Atkins) – Committee opposed the same bill SB 1120 last year. Several other bills are being “watched” as it is early in the session and they will change over time.
- Taught Drexel University (Pennsylvania) Conservation Biology class (Feb 24) – Using my scientist background to achieve environmental benefits as a Councilmember & Mayor at the local (Town of Fairfax) level, and through environmental work experience at the regional, state and national levels.
- Attended Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers (MCCMC) meeting (Feb 24) – Speaker: Mary Jane Burke, Marin Co. Superintendent of Schools – Update to MCCMC regarding the Status of Marin Schools Reopening.
- Attended Community Media Center of Marin Board meeting (Feb 25)
- Attended Fairfax Age Friendly Task Force meeting (Feb 26) – reviewed draft progress report brochure to be submitted to AARP in early 2021.
- Councilmember Cutrano
- 2/04—White House IGA Office Weekly State, Local, and Tribal Elected Official Briefing
- 2/04—Marin District Attorney’s “Responding to Hate Crimes, Racism, and Anti-Semitism in Marin” event
- 2/04—First Thursdays at the Law Library: Marin Community Clinics
- 2/04—Fairfax Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee Meeting
- 2/05—Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioner Orientation
- 2/06—Town of Fairfax Special Meeting: Sir Francis Drake Listening Renaming Session
- 2/06—Meeting with the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce regarding the Mono Lot
- 2/08—Transportation Authority of Marin Funding, Programs, and Administration Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/08—Transportation Authority of Marin Administration, Planning, and Projects Executive Committee Meeting

- 2/08—Skate 4 Fairfax meeting w/ Skate park advocates
- 2/10—Ross Valley Fire Department Board meeting
- 2/11—Safe Routes 2 School Intro Meeting
- 2/11—Mill Valley Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting
- 2/15—Ad hoc Citizens Disaster Preparedness Committee planning meeting w/ Councilmember Goddard
- 2/15—Skate 4 Fairfax meeting Skate park advocates
- 2/16—Discussion about Minimum Wage with the North Bay Labor Council
- 2/16—Communications Training hosted by Young Elected Officials (YEO)
- 2/17—Fairfax Town Council Closed Session Meeting
- 2/16—Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
- 2/17—“Ecological Drought: Planning for Resilience” discussion hosted by the US Geological Survey
- 2/17—Discussion on Park Equity hosted by UCLA’s Luskin Center
- 2/17—Fairfax Town Council Special Meeting
- 2/18—Check-in Meeting with the Marin County Bicycle Coalition
- 2/19—Walk-about with Marin County Bicycle Coalition
- 2/22— Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Homeless Committee Meeting
- 2/22—Skate 4 Fairfax meeting Skate park advocates
- 2/23—Hope Housing of Marin’s Marin City Community Land Trust Conversation
- 2/23—Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting
- 2/24—Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Meeting
- 2/25—League of Cities: Harassment Prevention: New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy
- 2/25 – Transportation Authority of Marin
- 2/26—Redwood Community Health Coalition Virtual Briefing to Policy Makers on COVID 19 Response & Vaccination Rollout
- 2/27—North Bay Labor Council: Project Labor Agreement Training

Councilmember Goddard

- Served as a member of the organizing group and attended the District Attorney’s Forum on hate crime focused on recent local incidents involving acts of hate- 2/4
- Facilitated a presentation and panel for ‘Children For Change’ housing/equity/climate’ youth advocates- 2/4
- MCCMC Small Business Recovery sub-committee meeting- 2/5
- Listening Session regarding the potential Re-Naming of Sir Francis Drake Blvd.- 2/6
- Ross Valley Fire Board meeting- 2/10
- Worked with Council Member Cutrano to discuss and plan for community engagement in creating a proposal for Council to consider establishing a Citizen’s Emergency Preparedness Committee- 2/11
- Special Town Council Meeting- 2/17
- Met with Warren Wells the new Policy and Planning Director at the Marin County Bicycle Coalition to discuss Fairfax bicycle / pedestrian infrastructure and Safe Routes to Schools- 2/19
- MCCMC Homeless sub-committee (I serve as Co-Chair) Discussed encampments and updates on the State’s Project Home Key
- The program leverages Federal funding to assist Counties and local jurisdictions to purchase underutilized motels or office buildings and create permanent affordable housing for the most

vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families. There will be a second round of funding in 2021. - 2/22

- MCCMC regular business meeting. Received a comprehensive update from Mary Jane Burke (Superintendent of Marin County Schools) about Schools re-opening and Covid protocols and support programs- 2/24
- Attended the Zero Waste Marin presentation by Garth Schultz (R3 Consulting Group) introducing the initial draft update to the Zero Waste Marin Feasibility Study. (I serve as Co-Chair of the Local Task Force to the Solid and Hazardous Waste Joint Powers Authority-JPA)- 2/25
- MCCMC Small Business Recovery sub-committee- 2/26
- Attended 2 "litter solutions" meetings with San Anselmo Staff, Fairfax and SA Council Members and 'Community Based Organizations' to begin planning for systems to address the increasing quantity of litter and the inadequacy of public right-of-way waste receptacles which are no longer the solution for recovering and sorting waste- 2/2 & 3/2