

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory
Board
March 22, 2021
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Mission Statement: "To foster goodwill and community spirit in Fairfax through volunteer activities "

Members in attendance: Geo Taylor, Marcia Custer, Jesse Hoffman, Sam Silverstein, Veronica Geretz.

Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Council Member Chance Cutrano

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the February 22nd meeting were approved.

1) Reports

- **Chair** – Geo welcome everybody to the meeting.
- **Treasurer-** Marcia announced there is \$2,927.95 remaining in the Town's budget, and \$5,263.05 left in the Volunteer's checking account.
- **Coordinator-** Maria requested that a Volunteer Board member be appointed to the Community Panel for the Police Chief Interviews. Sam Silverstein offered to serve in this role.
- **Discussion** -Veronica stated that the Spring Sit for March 20th was cancelled. She will conduct the next Community Sit on the Summer Solstice, and will hold two every year, on the Summer Solstice, and Winter Solstice.

2) New Business

a)Supporting Redwood Maintenance near Peri Park as a Volunteer Day/Opportunity – Chance announced that two of these events have taken place, on March 14th, and March 20th, from 10-12 in Peri Park under the guidance of Ray Moritz, Arborist for the Town. The activity is pruning the basal sprouts of the redwood trees. The events have yielded 7-12 volunteers. Ray will continue providing this opportunity every Sunday from 10 a.m. -12 noon in Peri Park.

b)Process/Equity Presentation- Veronica gave an update of the Racial Equity &

Social Justice Committee. The Committee is planning to offer training to all the Town's Boards & Commissions.

- c) Re-painting of mural on Merwin Street-** Maria has reached out to Fred Ezazi, owner of School Street Plaza, to request a letter granting permission for the Volunteers to re-paint the mural along Merwin Street. Geo and Jesse met with Frank Gonzales, original artist of the painting, and Georgia Gibbs, Artist-in-Residence and former Volunteer Board member, who will oversee the painting. The size of the mural is a full city block. The previous mural took 18 months to paint, and the re-painting may take just as long. Georgia has reached out to her list of Art Walk participants, and 15 artists expressed interested in the mural. Veronica requested if people of color could be reached out to as potential artists to work on the mural. **ACTION ITEM: Geo & Jesse will form a sub-committee to oversee this project, Veronica made a motion to the effect; Marcia seconded, all members voted in favor.** Jesse estimated the paint would cost \$2,000. A stipend will be provided to the artist overseeing the mural. **ACTION ITEM: Marcia made a motion to allocate \$2,500 to the project, Veronica seconded, all members voted in favor.**
- d) Plans for re-opening Fairfax party-**Geo stated he would like to have a large gathering in the Women's Club once it is allowed. Veronica stated that the ball field would be a more appropriate venue. Maria reminded the group that we must wait for the County of Marin to approve large events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.