



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

April 7, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

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

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 March 3, 2021.

Mayor Ackerman

- 3/4 RESJ regular meeting
- 3/7 SURJ Cohort - ongoing tailored for elected officials
- 3/10 Flood Zone 9 Advisory Board (elected chair)
- 3/11 PPPSA (subcommittee of RESJ) regular meeting
- 3/16 Climate Action Committee (CAC) regular meeting
- 3/17 TC and CAC joint meeting to review draft Climate Action Plan
- 3/17 TC Meeting
- 3/18 Update meeting on Sunnyside Nursery flood detention basin (excavation nearing completion)
- 3/18 MIT Club of N.Cal excellent presentation on the CA Power Grid
- 3/18 Accept Charles McGlashen Award on behalf of the Fairfax Climate Action Committee
- 3/24 MCCMC regular meeting
- 3/25 PPPSA (subcommittee of RESJ) regular meeting
- 3/26 Town Council annual retreat (Women's Center, open to public)
- 3/31 SFD multi-jurisdictional working group meeting
- 3/31 RESJ special meeting
- 4/1 MCE Technical Committee regular meeting
- 4/1 CAC CAP update subcommittee
- 4/1 RESJ regular meeting
- 4/7 Town Council regular meeting

Vice Mayor Hellman (includes February as well as March.)

- 4/7: Fairfax Town Council meeting
- 4/5: Fairfax Community Mural (on Merwin) meeting
- 4/1: "RESJ" Racial Equity and Social Justice committee
- 3/31: Special RESJ meeting finalizing committee's Mission and Vision
- 3/30: Ross Valley School District Equity task force

- 3/30: Meeting at Cascade Canyon/Elliott Preserve with Marin County Parks, Marin Bicycle Coalition and resident to discuss bridges project
- 3/29: Manor Hill Firewise Steering Committee
- 3/28: All Fairfax Firewise/NRG meeting
- 3/26: Fairfax Council retreat: Strategic planning, goals setting.
- 3/25: Resilient Neighborhoods: Climate Action Team Workshop Series (mtg 1 of 5)
- 3/24: Monthly MCCMC: guest speaker Rep Jared Huffman
- 3/24: Fairfax Community Skatepark volunteer committee meeting
- 3/23: RESJ subcommittee: Town policy/Econ programs
- 3/22: MCCMC Climate Action Team
- 3/21: work volunteer for "Revive the Redwoods" in grove next to Peri Park
- 3/18: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority board meeting
- 3/18: Fairfax Community Skatepark volunteer committee meeting
- 3/17: Special Town Council meeting re Climate Action Plan
- 3/16: Fairfax Climate Action Committee
- 3/14: SURJ workshop #3 for elected officials
- 3/11: Ross Valley School District Equity task force
- 3/10: Ross Valley Fire Dept board meeting
- 3/9: Meeting with Fire Chief Weber for transition training new board member
- 3/9: Ross Valley School District board meeting
- 3/4: "RESJ" Racial Equity and Social Justice committee meeting
- 3/3: Fairfax Town Council meeting
- 3/1: Manor Hill Firewise steering committee
- 2/27: Sen. Mike McGuire town hall
- 2/23: 3/11: Ross Valley School District Equity task force
- 2/23: Affordable Housing / Community Land trust zoom
- 2/22: MCCMC Climate Action team
- 2/17: Fairfax Special Town Council meeting
- 2/16: Fairfax Climate Action Committee
- 2/15: Fairfax Community Skatepark volunteer committee meeting
- 2/10: Ross Valley Fire Dept board meeting
- 2/8: Fairfax Park & Rec committee mtg
- 2/8: Fairfax Community Skatepark volunteer committee meeting
- 2/6: Fairfax Community Skatepark volunteer committee meeting
- 2/5: Fairfax Coronavirus task force
- 2/4: Responding to Hate Crimes, Racism, and Antisemitism in Marin (DA Frugoli event)
- 2/4: "RESJ" Racial Equity and Social Justice committee meeting
- 2/3: Fairfax Town Council meeting

Councilmember Coler

- Attended MCE Executive Committee meeting (March 5) – Elected Kevin Haroff (Larkspur) as Chair. Exec. Comm.: provided feedback/approvals where requested for items to be presented to the full Board on March 18 (see below) and other matters.
- Attended Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Budget Subcommittee – approved draft budget for presentation to the full Commission on April 8 (March 8).
- Cloth Face Masks made/donated by Norma McFaddan distributed – Coler/McFaddan provided ~250 masks to Victory Village and Bennett House & 250 to distribution to Marin City (during

County vaccine events) (March 9); Coler/Goddard distributed 65 individually- bagged “Norma masks” in downtown Fairfax (March 12) – Norma (Guerneville resident and longtime friend of Councilmember Coler) has made/donated more than 2,500 masks for Fairfax, the Canal and Marin City, & she continues making more masks!

- Attended Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) Board meeting (March 18) –follow-up Retreat discussion and finalized draft Mission/Vision Statements; Approved \$330K additional funding to start more chipper days by FireSafe Marin this FY; received draft report on 2020 workplan progress report. Attended MCE Clean Energy Board meeting (Mar 18) – presented annual Charles McGlashen environmental award to three entities (Fairfax Climate Action Committee received an award!) approved new MCE program to be launched by April 1 (MCE Targeted Customer Relief to provide \$10 discount/month for CARES/FERA customers; ~\$22 discount/month for disadvantaged small businesses; approved FY 21/22 Budget (FY starts April 1); discussed three initiatives to save \$\$ - prepayment of energy purchases, joint procurement of energy with other CCAs (new JPA formed), direct debt; PCIA overview – CACCCA and MCE are sponsoring a bill to limit these charges for CCA customers from the utilities (Fairfax sent letter supporting).
- Attended Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee (Mar 22) –No position taken on bills; several other bills are being “watched” as it is early in the session and they will change over time. Coler elected Vice Chair; Alice Fredericks (Tiburon) has been Chair for several years.
- Attended Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers (MCCMC) meeting (March 24) – Speaker: Jared Huffman.
- Attended Community Media Center of Marin Board meeting (March 25) – received annual audit report, clean report as in prior years. Memoires of Jimmy Geraghty, longtime CMCM Board Member & Founder.
- Attended Council retreat (March 26) – focus on accomplishments, developing goals for next FY.
- Attended Special MCCMC Legislative Committee with Senator McGuire – Highlights: Vaccines – each County to submit expansion plan by March 31, Feds to delivers 4M dose/week in May; by end of summer should have more vaccines than needed; Tenant Relief Aid - \$2.6B sent to counties for payment of 80% rent relief to low income pop., June 30 eviction moratorium ends – expect extension; Economic Recovery – SB relief grants \$25K, no fees for restaurants, bars, salons etc. for 2 years, PPP tax conformity – expecting IRS letter in April which allows no tax on PPP loans/grants (will require amending their taxes); State Tourism - \$45M input – expect \$865M revenue output; Wildfire bill SB 12 which puts guardrails on HFTSZ developments – last year Governor vetoed similar bill, another bill – funding for counties to develop JPAs like the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority; Housing bills that are moving – SB 6 (housing for dead dying malls & office parks), SB 9 (MCCMC Legis. submitted oppose later prior), SB 7 – limits judicial review period for housing CEQA litigation, SB 10 – approve ministerially up to 10 units, voluntary only.
- Attended Countywide Community Development Block Grant committee meeting (April 1) – Recommended funding for CDBG and Home funds for 2021/22 (Supervisors will finalize May 4) for San Rafael, Novato and County Other (Fairfax is in this grouping) – Housing support projects as well as capitol and public services (Fairfax San Anselmo Children’s Center again recommended for funding for transportation to/from the center). Also received presentation on Assessment of Fair Housing from Liz Darby (HUD again supporting this program under President Biden, suspended under Trump/Carson).

Councilmember Cutrano

- 3/04—League of California Cities: Climate Change Round Table
- 3/04—Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Board Meeting

- 3/08—Transportation Authority of Marin Funding, Programs, and Legislation Executive Committee meeting
- 3/08—Fairfax Citizen’s Emergency Preparedness Committee Scoping Session w/ Councilmember Goddard
- 3/09—Marin County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Sir Francis Drake Renaming Discussion)
- 3/09—San Anselmo Town Council Meeting (Sir Francis Drake Renaming Discussion)
- 3/10—Fairfax Emergency Preparedness Committee Planning Session w/ Councilmember Goddard
- 3/10—Ross Valley Fire District Board Special Meeting
- 3/10—Skatepark 4 Fairfax meeting w/ skatepark advocates
- 3/11—Marin Coalition: Plan Bay Area 2050
- 3/16—League of Cities: "American Rescue Plan: What’s In It For Cities” meeting for elected and city managers
- 3/16—Congressional Clean Energy Speaker Series w/ Rep. Mike Levin.
- 3/17—Fairfax Town Council Joint Meeting with the Climate Action Committee
- 3/17—Fairfax Town Council Special Meeting
- 3/18—Meeting with Opening Doors Marin re Project Home Key 2.0
- 3/18—Southern Marin Disaster Council Meeting
- 3/18—Senator McGuire’s Town Hall on Vaccine Distribution
- 3/18—Skatepark 4 Fairfax meeting w/ skatepark advocates
- 3/22—Fairfax Volunteer Board meeting
- 3/23—Fairfax Emergency Preparedness Committee Planning Session w/ Councilmember Goddard
- 3/23—Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting
- 3/24—Marin Emergency Radio Authority Meeting
- 3/24—Marin Town Hall Meeting on SB-9 and SB-10
- 3/24—Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) meeting
- 3/24—Skatepark 4 Fairfax meeting w/ skatepark advocates
- 3/25—Transportation Authority of Marin meeting
- 3/26—Fairfax Town Council Annual Retreat
- 3/30—Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Homelessness Subcommittee meeting
- 3/31—Skatepark 4 Fairfax meeting w/ skatepark advocates

Councilmember Goddard

- 3/4: Ross Valley Paramedic Authority meeting
- 3/4: Plastic Free Marin meeting- Update on the Marin County single-use plastics reduction ordinance.
- 3/8: Met with a small group of resident stakeholders/advisors who participate in local emergency preparedness, recovery and resiliency groups. The purpose of this advisory group was to involve community members in the creation of a proposal for a Fairfax community-based Emergency Preparedness Committee. (The proposal is on this Town Council agenda.)
- 3/9: Met with Jason Weber, Garrett Toy and Vice-Mayor Hellman to receive an orientation regarding Fire Districts and funding models.
- 3/10: Ross Valley Fire Department Board Meeting
- 3/11: Attended (as an observer) the Marin County Disaster Council meeting
- 3/14: Assisted Ray Moritz and Fairfax Volunteers with removing dead undergrowth for fire protection, and the restoration of the Redwood Trees in the Peri Park Grove.

- 3/16: Met with a resident to discuss and look at a potential site for a downtown dog park
- 3/17: Special Town Council meeting
- 3/18: Met with Andrew Hening from Project Opening Doors and Council Member Cutrano to discuss Project Homekey 2.0 - a grant program for government agencies, property owners or developers to acquire hotels, motels, apartments, and other buildings to provide homes for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- 3/21: Assisted Ray Moritz and Fairfax Volunteers with removing dead undergrowth for fire protection, and the restoration of the Redwood Trees in the Peri Park Grove.
- 3/23: 2nd meeting with a small group of resident stakeholders/advisors who participate in local emergency preparedness, recovery and resiliency groups, to finalize the proposal for Town Council consideration. The purpose of this advisory group was to involve community members in the creation of a proposal for a Fairfax community-based Emergency Preparedness Committee. (The proposal is on this Town Council agenda.)
- 3/24: Marin County Council of Mayors and Council Members (MCCMC). Received a presentation by Congressman Jared Huffman regarding Covid response and Federal local recovery funding for Cities and Towns.
- 3/26: Town Council Retreat
- 3/28: Participated in the quarterly meeting of the Fairfax Firewise Neighborhood leads and Neighborhood Response Group (NRG) Block Captains
- 3/30: MCCMC Homeless Sub-Committee meeting
- 3/31: Sir Francis Drake Re-naming County Working Group meeting
- 4/5: Cascade Canyon Firewise Steering Committee meeting