



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

June 2, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

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

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.

Mayor Ackerman

5/3 Firewise Manor Hill meeting
5/5 Council Regular Meeting
5/6 RESJ Regular Meeting
5/12 Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District board meeting
5/13 PPPSA, subcommittee of RESJ, regular meeting
5/18 Climate Action Committee regular meeting
5/24 MCCMC Climate Subcommittee meeting
5/26 MCCMC regular meeting
5/26 MCCMC City Selection Committee meeting
5/27 Town Council Budget Workshop

Vice Mayor Hellman

- June 1: Interim Chief Tabaranza town council selection interview panel
- May 27: Drive Clean Bay Area's "Electrify Your Ride"
- May 27: MWPA Special Board meeting
- May 27: Fairfax Special Town Council fiscal budget meeting
- May 26: MCCMC regular monthly meeting
- May 24: MCCMC Climate Action committee
- May 20: Resilient Neighborhood final meeting #5
- May 19: The Golden Gate Village Resident Council films presentation: What Is a Community Land Trust
- May 18: Fairfax Climate Action Committee

- May 17: Fairfax Community Skatepark committee meeting
- May 16: Fairfax Open Space Committee “Bio Blitz”
- May 12: Law Enforcement: Building Trust in our Communities Marin County panelists
- May 12: American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds webinar
- May 12: Ross Valley Fire Board meeting
- May 11: Measure F Oversight Committee
- May 7: MCCMC Economic Recovery committee
- May 6: Racial Equity Social Justice committee
- May 6: Resilient Neighborhoods meeting #4

Councilmember Coler

- Attended Town of Fairfax Affordable Housing Committee meeting (May 6) – met with Housing Element (HE) consultants and Planning Director on matters related to the HE.
- Attended MCE Executive Committee meeting (May 7) – Primary matter discussed was pending legislation.
- Attended Town of Fairfax Measure F Oversight Committee meeting (May 11) – Committee reviewed table on FY 20/21 Measure F appropriations.
- Attended Marin Local Agency Formation (LAFCO) Legislative Committee meeting (May 19) – Coler was voted Chair. Committee agreed to agree with the positions on all bills consistent with CalLAFCO. All bills are only within the purview of LAFCOs.
- Attended Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) Board meeting (May 20) - approved MWPA Communications Strategy; Adopted Resolution to apply for CalFire Fire Prevention Grant to support low income & AFN defensible space funding; approved contract for Panorama Env. Inc. to work on CEQA/environmental matters for MWPA (at the request of EO Brown, Coler reviewed proposals for both respondents to the Environmental RFP and provided input to him for the Exec Committee two weeks prior). (MWPA Special meeting held May 27 to hear proposed 21/22 workplan projects conflicted with Town Council Budget workshop and CMCM Board meeting).
- Attended MCE Committee meeting (May 20) –Adopted Resolution Committing to Racial Equity; received presentation on MCE Youth Engagement and Workforce Development; MCE CEO reported – MCE CARES Cost Relief Program auto-enrolled 20,000 customers & for those that need to apply 2,000 have done so to date; MCE customer accounts have risen from 480K to 540K with the addition of Vallejo and Pleasant Hill. CPUC has adopted its PCIA regulatory proceeding that did not accept MCE and CACCA changes; if enacted, the bill (SB 612) that that CACCA and MCE are sponsoring to limit these PCIA charges for CCA customers from the utilities would remedy many of these concerns (Fairfax took a support position).
- Attended Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee (May 24) –Took oppose positions on several housing bills: AB 215 (Chui) – creates requirements for mid-cycle consultations with HCD for time consuming process & allows HCD to dictate a city’s/county’s housing policies; AB 989 – creates a new Board within HCD to hear appeals on locals projects & allows them to issue orders to cities/counties; AB 9 – allows up to 6 units on lots (at prior meeting send oppose unless amended); AB 1401 – limits parking requirements to ~zero. Took support position on: AB 14 (Aguilar-Curry) for broadband in underserved communities and removes sunset for CASF funding; AB 1403 – allows governor to declare emergency for PSPS; AB 897 – allows for regional climate networks.

Legislators were given strict limit of 12 bills so other bills may be dropped; several bills are now two-year bills.

- Attended Ross Valley Community Liaison chaired by Mary Jane Burke and Curtis Robinson (MCOE) (May 24) – MCOE begins oversight of the Ross Valley Charter discussions.
- Attended Fairfax Community Panel Debrief for Police Chief Interview with Councilmember Cutrano (May 26)
- Attended Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers (MCCMC) meeting (May 26) – Speakers: Assembly member Marc Levine; District Attorney Lori Frugoli and Pellie Anderson (speaking on gun safety).
- Attended Town of Fairfax Council Budget Workshop (May 27)
- Attended Community Media Center of Marin Board meeting (May 27)
- Attended Town of Fairfax Age Friendly meeting (May 28)
- Attended Fairfax Town Council Interview for Police Chief (June 1)

Councilmember Goddard

- Fairfax Affordable Housing committee meeting
- Ross Valley Paramedic Authority
- Marin County Council of Mayors and council Members (MCCMC) Small Business Recovery sub-committee
- International ‘Bike to School Day’
- (MCCMC) Homeless sub-committee meeting
- Ross Valley Fire Board Meeting
- Organized a biker/walker/car count (2 days) at White Hill Middle School to collect data and observe traffic flow and congestion in the absence of yellow bus service.
- Attended a ‘PolicyLink’ webinar about community land and housing trusts and paths to ownership. PolicyLink is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting economic inclusion and ownership to eliminate poverty, shrink inequality, and increase mobility.
- Cascade Canyon Firewise Steering Committee Canyon-wide Zoom meeting
- Served on the interview panel for the Ross Valley Fire Emergency Preparedness coordinator
- Attended MCCMC general meeting
- Fairfax Budget Workshop FY ‘21/’22
- Town Council Interview for Police Chief with Interim Chief Tabaranza
- Attended the San Anselmo Town Council public workshop regarding ‘Parklets’/ outdoor dining.

Councilmember Cutrano

- 5/05—Fairfax Town Council Meeting
- 5/06—Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Orientation
- 5/06—Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Board Meeting
- 5/10—Transportation Authority of Marin Funding, Programs, and Legislation Executive Committee Meeting
- 5/12—League of Cities: Legislative Action Day General Session
- 5/12— Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Homelessness Subcommittee

- 5/12—Marin Emergency Radio Authority Governing Board Meeting
- 5/12—Marin Housing Summit III: “How to Make Housing Real” hosted by Housing Crisis Action and Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative.
- 5/17—Preparing for Wildfire Zoom call with Senator Mike McGuire
- 5/18—Marin Coalition: “Challenges & Success Stories for Marin Wildlife” webinar
- 5/19—League of Cities: “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: U.S. Department of the Treasury Guidance” Zoom Update
- 5/19—“Community Land Trust at Golden Gate Village” webinar hosted by Marin City Library and Golden Gate Village Resident Council
- 5/20—Drought Town Hall with Senator Mike McGuire
- 5/22—Fairfax San Anselmo Children’s Center Benefit to Honor the Legacy of Ethel Seiderman
- 5/25—Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting
- 5/26—Debrief with the community panel for the Police Chief hiring process
- 5/26—Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Regular Meeting
- 5/27—Town of Fairfax Budget Workshop
- 5/27—Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 6/01—Meeting with PARC Subcommittee regarding permanent skatepark exploration
- 6/01—Town Council closed session interview with the candidate for the police chief position.