



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

August 4, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

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

RECOMMENDATION

Receive Councilmember activities report.

DISCUSSION

Every 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

- 7/7 Town Council regular meeting
- 7/9 Attended staff sendoff for Garrett
- 7/15 Canal Alliance webinar on Aging and Equity
- 7/15 MCE Board meeting (listening, as alternate)
- 7/20 Climate Action Committee regular meeting
- 7/22 PPPSA call
- 7/29 Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee special meeting
- 8/1 Ribbon Cutting at mural with Frank Gonzalez

Vice Mayor Hellman

- July 13: Attended Marin NOAH meeting (anti-hate community group)
- July 14: Cal Cities North Bay Division meeting
- July 14: Fairfax Community Farmer's Market
- July 14: Ross Valley Fire Dept Board meeting – canceled due to zoom technology issue
- July 17: Lagunitas Creek / salmon restoration clean up
- July 19: Ross Valley School District Parent Equity task force
- July 19: Climate Action Committee regular meeting
- July 25: Manor Hill Firewise community block party (Shapiro Ln)

Councilmember Coler

- Distributed Disaster Evacuation Tags for all residents of Canon Village (109 homes) (July 12)
- Attended Fairfax Affordable Housing Committee with Planning Director & Housing Element (HE) consultant (July 13) -overview of HE presentation
- Attended Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board meeting (July 15) – Zonehaven operational for parts of Marin now (see www.emergency.marincounty.org) – soft launch fall

2021, full April 2022; approved Fire Aside agreement for Defensible Space Inspection software; acknowledged environmental compliance/project approvals for West Marin, Central Marin & San Rafael evacuation route Core projects (these remove/trim vegetation along evacuation routes) and Curbside Chipper Program (FireSafe Marin); Finance Report showed \$212,000 over what was estimated In property taxes for last FY (paid slightly higher to regionals as a result); reelected Bruce Goines as Board President & Dennis Rodoni as VP for FY 21/22.

- Attended MCE Clean Energy Board meeting (July 15) – Approved resolution for prepayment of energy (saves about \$2-3M per year on certain energy purchase); received presentation of MCE CARES Creative Campaign – reaching out to multicultural and millennials; CARE Credit campaign - ~35% of eligible customers are enrolled; Flex Market program launched in June – decreases energy use during peak hours and saves \$\$, over 200 customers participating (overall impacts will be calculated at end of July/August); CPUC approved an additional \$4M for MCE Energy Efficiency program; MCE offices to reopen in October.
- Met with Fairfax Interim Town Manager several times on transition matters
- Attended conference call with Liz Darby (Marin County Social Equity Coordinator) and Title Search Company re: racial covenants in in deeds (July 19)
- Met with Marin County HUD staff re: funding for local non-profit in Fairfax (July 19)
- Attended Community Media Center of Marin Board meeting (July 22) –Executive Director discussed updating San Anselmo wiring (completed); Tiburon wiring – they will start having their meetings filmed (soon to be completed); wiring for Ross (want to start filming their meetings) and updating Larkspur wiring. Additionally, ED is working with Cities/Towns on a hybrid zoom/in -person meetings (he has found the equipment needed at low-cost option of \$1500; some have procured the same type of equipment at \$5000 cost). Coler also subsequently had discussions with two candidates for Board vacancies to increase diversity with qualified candidates.
- Attended Fairfax Age Friendly Task Force Retreat (July 23) – Agreed upon new strategic goals for FY 21/22; new “scorecard” discussed; general business meeting also held.
- Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee – was not held on July 26 as the Legislature is not in session.

Councilmember Goddard

- Firewise Neighborhood Leads monthly meeting
- Affordable Housing Committee: Met with EMC Planning to receive an update on the Safety Element & Housing Element update process and provide feedback.
- Public workshop for a discussion about American Rescue Plan Act local funding eligibility and Town program priorities.
- Farewell lunch for Former Town Manager Toy
- Ross Valley Fire Department Board Meeting: Meeting was convened and canceled due to a technical error.
- MCCMC Homeless sub-committee meeting: Met with the City/Town representatives and Supervisors Rodoni and Rice to discuss the use of local funding for Case Management to support homeless individuals receiving Section 8 Housing Vouchers. The discussion centered on questioning the County’s plan for assisting the cities (primarily San Rafael and Novato) and advocacy from some cities that the County provide funding for safe temporary personal shelters such as Los Guilicos Pallet Shelter Village in Santa Rosa.

- Attended the open office hours for Drawdown Marin to get information about the County's transition to a Public/Private partnership for implementation of some of the County's climate goals.
- Zero Waste Marin Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting- The Board adopted the Zero Waste Plan Update and organizational assessment
- 2 Cascade Canyon Firewise Steering Committee meetings
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Merwin Rd. Mural Project
- Attended the Community Solidarity event in San Anselmo. The event was organized by a member of the San Anselmo town Council in response to the recent posting of the numbers 1488 on the Memorial Park scoreboard. The numbers are a secret code used by Neo-Nazis and other white supremacists to identify and signal their ideology.

Councilmember Cutrano

- 7/07—Fairfax Town Council Regular Meeting
- 7/14—Reuseable Foodware Ordinance Public Workshop hosted by the County of Marin
- 7/15—Language of the Land: Adapting to Rising Waters webinar hosted by the Sonoma Land Trust
- 7/16—Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Homelessness Subcommittee joint meeting with Supervisor Katie Rice and Supervisor Damon Connolly
- 7/22—Transportation Authority of Marin Meeting
- 7/27—Marin County Public Agencies EV Fleet Workshop hosted by the Transportation Authority of Marin.
- 7/28—Marin Emergency Radio Authority Meeting
- 7/29—Town of Fairfax Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee Special Meeting