



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

September 1, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

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

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

- 8/6 RESJ Regular Meeting
- 8/9 Teleconference with NBLC and Vice-Mayor Hellman
- 8/11 Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District - Closed session and Board Meeting
- 8/12 Call with search consultant re Town Manager search
- 8/12 Agenda planning meeting with Town Manager and staff
- 8/12 Call with Fairfax and San Anselmo managers and Council member re possible shared sustainability coordinator
- 8/13 Meet with Town Manager and Councilmember Cutrano re RESJ
- 8/16 Agenda planning meeting with Town Manager, Vice-Mayor and staff
- 8/17 Climate Action Committee Regular Meeting
- 8/18 Call with Sustainable Fairfax representative re Water Conservation proposal
- 8/18 Meet with Planning Director Berto re updates on Housing Element and current planning issues
- 8/19 Meet with Councilmember Cutrano and RESJ former member re next steps envisioned
- 8/23 Agenda planning meeting with Town Manager and staff
- 8/30 Agenda planning meeting with Town Manager and staff

Vice Mayor Hellman

- August 8-25 daily meetings with Sustainable Fairfax, other county jurisdictions, community leaders and Marin Water re Marin Water Conservation program
- August 10: Ross Valley School District Board meeting
- August 11: Meeting with Victory Village property mgmt. JSCO update on short and long-term solutions for energy backup for PSPS/outages.
- August 11: Ross Valley Fire Department Board meeting

- August 12: Fairfax Planning Commission mtg
- August 17: Climate Action Committee meeting
- August 18: Volunteer at 1st day BBQ Archie Williams High School
- August 20: Town Manager Selection Ad-hoc committee meeting
- August 23: Manor Hill/Fairfax neighborhood Firewise Committee meeting
- August 24: Community at the Table Speaker Series: Dr. John A. Powell hosted by Marin County Office of Equity
- August 25: Transportation Subcommittee of Climate Action Committee
- August 25: Fairfax Community Farmers Market
- August 28: Marin County Bicycle Coalition “Slow and Say Hello” education event in Elliott Preserve/Cascade Canyon
- August 29: Merwin Mural work party hosted by Fairfax Volunteers
- August 31: Presentation and discussion on local government Archie Williams High School government class

Councilmember Coler

- Attended Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting (Aug 12) – Approved four resolutions for 4 requested/agreed-to property annexations; approved LAFCO entering into an MOU with SECURE to allow electronic submission to record documents with the County; voted to have McEntee; Coler; EO Fried as voting delegates at the CALAFCO Conference in October; Commissioners Coler & Kious appointed to serve on Ad Hoc Committee RE: LAFCO working groups.
- Met with Ad Hoc Committee with VM Hellman re: Fairfax Town Manager Recruitment (Aug 18 & Aug 20).
- Attended Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board meeting (Aug 19) –acknowledged environmental compliance/project approvals for two CORE Projects in San Rafael (these remove/trim vegetation along fire roads in SR and other fuel reduction work in the South San Pedro area); approved \$\$ reallocation of Greater Ross Valley fuel break projects to scoping/environmental compliance for the projects; amended agreement with consultant so she can complete work to launch the low income/AFN Defensible Space grant program (ETA Nov 2021); adopted extensive Records Retention Schedule; approved adding non-voting members rep. public lands to Advisory/Tech Committee (GGNRA, MMWD, State Parks, Marin Co. Open Space). Coler met with MWPA Counsel by phone RE: Board matters prior.
- MCE Clean Energy Executive Committee and Board meetings were not held in August.
- Met with Fairfax Interim Town Manager several times on transition matters; met with Interim Public Works Director on infrastructure projects (Aug 6).
- Attended Community Media Center of Marin Board meeting (Aug 26) –Coler successfully recruited a new Board member, Lorenzo Jones, to the CMCM Board to represent the business community (after he agreed, at her request he was appointed by the San Rafael Chamber to the Board); Executive Director discussed updating San Anselmo wiring; Tiburon wiring – they will start having their meetings filmed (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).

Along with Mr. Jones, Coler had discussions with another potential Board member who may run for a member-elected seat in October (vacated sadly by the demise of Jim Geraghty).

- Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee (Aug 23) –Several bills have been amended, the Committee voted to again send opposition letters (while acknowledging the amendments) on the following: AB 215 (Chui) – creates requirements for mid-cycle consultations with HCD for time consuming process; allows HCD to hire outside Counsel to enforce if the AG’s office declines; extends the SOL from 60 days to 3 years; AB 989 – creates a new Board within HCD to hear appeals on locals projects & allows them to issue orders to cities/counties; SB 9 – allows up to 6 units on lots (have sent three oppose letters to date); AB 1401 –amended to limit parking requirements to ~zero for counties 600K pop. or > or cities 75K pop. or > and with no new parking for all jurisdictions for remodels or additions to single family residences. Voted to send support letter on AB 14 (Aguilar-Curry) for broadband with reporting to school districts and essentially removes sunset for CASF funding. AB 361 may be amended with an urgency clause (takes effect once signed) to extend videoconferencing for legislative bodies during emergencies (e.g., COVID, wildfires, etc.); currently the Governor’s Executive Order ends after 9/30/2021. Several bills will go through Appropriations Committees; Governor has until Oct 10 to sign or veto bills.
- MCCMC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SCOPE OF ADVOCACY: Fiscal Protection: protect city revenues from state Local Control: support legislation that enhances local control of resources to provide services while supporting regional co-operation. Oppose unfunded mandates and preemption of local authority and control of land use Transportation Investment: promote stable transportation finance structure for state and local government. Multimodal, enhancing livable communities Housing/Land use: protect local government land use authority. Oppose punitive housing legislation, and legislation that restricts or reduces local discretion on land use decisions. *Other legislation can be recommended to MCCMC at a regular meeting.*

Councilmember Goddard

- Ross Valley Fire Board Meeting:
Received a presentation regarding Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) designation and the additional costs and requirements for residential and commercial properties to comply with WUI code mandates.
- Marin Sanitary Services (MSS):
Met with MSS to discuss upcoming Take Back Day - free for Fairfax residents and includes paper shredding, electronics waste recycling, mattress drop off pharmaceuticals drop off and compost delivery
- Met with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Downtown Outdoor Dining and Public Spaces survey and how to maximize participation
- Attended the Covid 19/ Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) webinar:
Focused on schools re-opening
- Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Ross Valley Task Force Meeting
- Discussed Bicycle and Pedestrian infrastructure updates, yellow school bus passes and bus stops and covid 19 distancing requirements
- Met with Andrew Hening from ‘Opening Doors Marin’ and Episcopalian Community Services to discuss a potential affordable housing opportunity site and its eligibility for Project Homekey funding

- Coordinated and attended the Tom Finch concert on the Ballfield
- Spent a lovely Sunday morning painting the Merwin Street Mural with Fairfax Volunteers
- Attended the Zero Waste Marin Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board meeting as Chair of the Local Task Force
- Attended a ‘Plastic Free Marin’ subcommittee meeting to review signage and options for new receptacles in the downtown streets and parks

Councilmember Cutrano

- 8/04—Fairfax Town Council Regular Meeting
- 8/05—Town of Fairfax Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Committee Meeting
- 8/06—Meeting with Vice Mayor Hellman to develop the Town of Fairfax Skatepark Survey
- 8/06—Meeting with Interim Town Manager Politzer regarding policing data
- 8/13—Meeting with Interim Town Manager Politzer and Mayor Ackerman to discuss the RESJ Committee.
- 8/16—Introductory meeting with Interim Public Works Director Jonathon Goldman
- 8/24—“Call to Action – SB 9 (Atkins) & Other Key Housing Bills” hosted by the League of California Cities
- 8/24—Call with Heather Renschler at Ralph Andersen & Associates regarding the Town Manager Hiring Process
- 8/24—“Community at the Table” Speaker Series featuring Dr. John A Powell hosted by the Marin County Office of Equity
- 8/24—Town of Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting
- 8/25—“Beyond Land Acknowledgement: Learn how to take meaningful action to support Indigenous people and nations” webinar hosted by the Native Governance Center
- 8/26—Marin JADU Workshop hosted by the San Geronimo Valley Affordable Housing Association