



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

November 3, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

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

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

- 10/4 Coalition Connection call
- 10/6 Regular Town Council meeting
- 10/7 MCE Clean Energy Board Retreat (alternate to board)
- 10/7 MIT Club of N. Cal presentation on negative GHG emissions
- 10/8 call to design bicyclist flyer, to be distributed at local businesses
- 10/11 Council agenda setting meeting with Vice-Mayor and staff
- 10/17 Reception/opening for Parkade art, "Where Have all the Birds Gone" by Marguerite Elliot
- 10/19 League of Women Voters, with presentation on flood control by Kiki La Porta
- 10/19 Climate Action Committee regular meeting
- 10/20 Town Council Closed Session, and scheduled Special Meeting
- 10/22 Update by Ross Valley Flood Zone 9 for staff and mayors
- 10/25 Council agenda setting meeting with Vice-Mayor and staff
- 10/27 MCCMC Regular Meeting
- 10/27 Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District regular board meeting
- 10/29 Call with Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria representatives

Vice Mayor Hellman

- 10/5: CAC Engagement subcommittee meeting
- 10/8: Final edits meeting w Marin County Parks, Town Staff re co-branded (with MCBC) Mountain Biking flyer
- 10/12 Meeting with Fire Station 21
- 10/13 Housing Element meeting with Planning dept, EMC and council member Cutrano about communication strategy
- 10/13 Fairfax Pedestrian Trails committee meeting
- 10/13 Ross Valley Fire Board meeting
- 10/16: Fairfax Biketoberfest

- 10/17: White and Awakening Together Class
- 10/18: Manor Hill neighborhood Firewise meeting
- 10/18: Transportation CAC subcommittee meeting
- 10/19: SURJ Anti Racist Education Working group mtg
- 10/19: Fairfax regular monthly Climate Action Committee
- 10/20: Fairfax Special Town Council meeting
- 10/21: Meeting with R3 on solid waste mgmt, SB 1383 Ordinance, anticipated rate increase for 2022
- 10/21: Fairfax Planning Commission meeting
- 10/22: Meeting with Marin Municipal Water District and community leaders
- 10/23: Conversation with Jamie Scardina, running for the MC Sheriff's office (Public event)
- 10/24: White and Awakening Together class
- 10/25: Fairfax council agenda setting meeting
- 10/25: Housing Element update communication mtg with Planning Dept, town staff and Councilmember Cutrano
- 10/25 MCCMC Climate Action committee meeting
- 10/25: "California's New Housing Laws: Truth and Consequences" panel hosted by Coalition of Sensible Taxpayers (COST)
- 10/26: Water policy MCCMC subcommittee kick off meeting
- 10/27: Greywater systems webinar hosted by Urban Farmer
- 10/27: Regular monthly MCCMC meeting
- 10/31: White and Awakening Together class
- 11/2: First round candidate interviews for vacant Town Manager role

Councilmember Coler

- Attended MCE Clean Energy Board Retreat (Oct 7, 9am-3pm) – Fairfield has become MCE's 37th jurisdiction (launching April 2023); Power Resources Innovative Procurement discussion (Green Hydrogen facility under construction in Richmond; Low Carbon Fuel Standard use by MCE (claimed 43 credits (\$180/credit) for EV charging at MCE – will pay customers 50% during the pilot, the remainder will be used for more EV; MCE has an app MCE Sync which links to customer vehicle to shift away from peak energy use periods; Emerging technologies -Waste to Green H2, technology from Raven uses non-combustion – converts multiple waste streams to Green H2 (diverts from landfills); Charm Industrial – puts oil back underground, very high per metric ton (\$650/ hope to get to \$250/).
- MCE Executive Committee meeting was not held (Oct 8) – Due to Retreat on Oct 7.
- Attended Town's Ad Hoc Pedestrian Trails Committee (Oct 13) – chose 3-4 trails for reopening this FY; Interim PW Director to conduct site visits with John Reed and contractor week of Nov 8. Budget this FY is \$70K.
- Attended Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting (Oct 14) – Approved annexation of Novato parcel to Novato Sanitary District; Approved FY 19/20 Audit and Authorization for FY 20/21 Audit – clean audit report; update on pending outstanding annexation; determined next LAFCO workshop to be held mid to fall 2022 on new approach to Municipal Service Reviews.
- Attended Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board meeting (Oct 21) –Acknowledged environmental compliance/project approvals for four Projects: Black Point Evacuation Routes; Novato Roadside Evac. Routes; Open Space Management projects; North Lucas Valley fuel reduction zone; Update on workplan progress – NOTE: MWPA grants for Low Income and AFN defensible space grants (\$250K) and home hardening grants (for all, \$250K) to be launched

- mid-late Nov 2021; Presentation on Fire Foundry by Chief Weber– Wildfire prevention workforce program for disadvantaged youths (18-25) with wrap around services, 12 cadets (the 1st) will start 1/2022) – provides life skill planning and career development for fire services; Received extensive reporting of FireSafe Marin on their many activities/accomplishments funded by MWPA, see <https://firesafemarin.org/programs/>, note: FireSafe Marin no longer uses webinars, they now have live programs airing on Marin TV (CMCM); Presentation on new MWPA website (more user friendly and allows users to hone in on regional projects in all areas)
- MCE Board meeting was not held (Oct 21) – Due to Retreat on Oct 7.
 - Attended Fairfax Age Friendly Task Force meeting (Oct 22) – Largely planning for 90 & over celebration to be held Nov 13– as with last year due to Covid, we will deliver gift baskets to participants (all those 90 or over will receive a Mayor’s certificate by mail) – about 20 older adults have agreed to participate. Library Rep (Willow) has re-established the Age Friendly binders at the library; in addition to Marin Age Friendly Forums the library is holding virtual forums.
 - Met with Fairfax Interim Town Manager several times on transition matters (Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov 2).
 - Met with Chief Weber (Oct 27) – MWPA matters.
 - Attended Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers (MCCMC) meeting (Oct 27) – Speakers: 1. Redistrict Marin: Anna Guiles, Strategic Project Manager for the County of Marin and Dan Eilerman, Assistant County Administrator, provided a presentation about the County’s redistricting process. (Visit <https://redistrictmarin.org/>
 - for more information on the project and upcoming events, including the October 26th Public Hearing); An Infectious Disease Doctor's Perspective on Mitigating COVID-19: Dr. Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH of UCSF discussed some basics of her field and how she thinks about emerging COVID-19 scientific studies. Dr. Gandhi is an Infectious Diseases doctor, Professor of Medicine and Associate Chief in the Division of HIV, Infectious Diseases, and Global Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).
 - Community Media Center of Marin Board meeting was not held (Oct 28) – due to Annual CMCM Member meeting to be held Nov 4. Coler worked on adding member for Board elections to be held early November to fill vacant slot left by the passing of Jim Geraghty.
 - Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee (Oct 25 – Meeting was not held, cancelled due to staffing issues) –next meeting will be held on (Nov 22) - 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

- 10/12- Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)
- Homeless Committee:
 - -received a report and update regarding Project Homekey 2.0 and Larkspur’s City Council approval of a site at 1251 South Eliseo Drive.
 - -received a presentation by Dr. Jei Africa, Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services regarding changes to the County Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)
- 10/13- Ross Valley Fire Department (RVFD) Board Meeting:

- Due to the Town of Ross's decision to close Fire Station #18, moving forward there are 4 potential options to be considered by the RVFD Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board of Directors
- The RVFD Board representing Fairfax, San Anselmo, Sleepy Hollow and Ross entered into discussions to determine whether consensus could be reached on one of the options.
- Council will receive a presentation by Chief Weber at this meeting at which time the Town Council will either begin a discussion or direct Vice Mayor Hellman and myself to vote for one of the options on behalf of the Town of Fairfax.
- 10/16- Delivered welcoming remarks for the Biktoberfest event held at the Marin Museum of Bicycling
- 10/20- Special Town Council Meeting
- 10/23- Coordinated and Managed the annual 'Fairfax Take Back Day' in partnership with Fairfax PD, Marin Sanitary Service, Conservation Corp North Bay and the US Mattress Council
- 10/26- Ad-hoc committee: Met with our hiring consultant Ralph Anderson & Associates, to discuss and review the brochure being produced for the recruitment of a full-time Public Works Director
- 10/26- Met with Council Member Cutrano and members of Ross Valley Unite
- 10/27- MCCMC regular monthly Business Meeting
- 10/28- Ad-hoc committee: Met with our hiring consultant Ralph Anderson & Associates, to discuss and review the final draft brochure being produced for the recruitment of a full-time Public Works Director (to be considered at this meeting)
- 10/29- Met with Mayor Ackerman, Lorelle Ross and Buffy McQuillen from The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria in consultation regarding the re-naming of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.
- 11/1- Participated on the interview panel to consider candidates for the Ross Valley Fire Department's Emergency Preparedness position
- 11/2- Participated in the first round of interviews for Permanent Town Manager

Councilmember Cutrano

- 10/06—Special Meeting of the Fairfax Town Council
- 10/06—Regular Meeting of the Fairfax Town Council
- 10/08—Presentation at White Hill Middle School at the invitation of Children4Change
- 10/11—Transportation Authority of Marin October Funding, Programs, and Legislation Executive Committee meeting
- 10/11—Transportation Authority of Marin October Administration, Planning, and Projects Executive Committee Meeting
- 10/12—Meeting with Councilmember Goddard and former Councilmember John Reed to discuss the status of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), the outstanding active transportation projects in the BPAC inventory, and the history of the Cross Marin Trail
- 10/12—Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Homelessness Subcommittee with guest speakers:
 - Dr. Jei Africa, Director of the Marin County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, providing a brief presentation on the mobile mental health services in the County
 - Ashley Hart, the County's Homeless Policy Analyst, providing an update on Project Homekey sites and the status of emergency vouchers/case management for the unhoused.

- 10/13—Housing Element discussion with Planning Director Ben Berto, EMC Planning, and Vice Mayor Hellman.
- 10/15—Joint Town Hall with Representatives Jared Huffman and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- 10/17—Community Art Event and Artist Reception at the Fairfax Parkade
- 10/19—Marin County Board of Supervisor Meeting
- 10/19—Meeting Marin Water Board President, Cynthia Koehler, about the state of water conservation and Marin Water’s approach to water security.
- 10/20—Closed Session of the Fairfax Town Council
- 10/20—Special Meeting of the Fairfax Town Council
- 10/22—"Water Wise Marin" - Fairfax Water Conservation Proposal check-in with Marin Water staff, Marin Water Director Larry Bragman, Vice Mayor Stephanie Hellman, and Interim Town Manager Adam Politzer, and representatives from Sustainable Fairfax and the Climate Action Committee.
- 10/23—Town of Fairfax Take Back Day
- 10/25—California’s New Housing Laws: Truth and Consequences hosted by the Coalition of Sensible Tax Payers (“CO\$T”) with panelists including:
 - State Senator Mike McGuire; State Assemblymember Marc Levine; Mayor of Novato and Marin’s Association of Bay Area Governments Representative, Pat Eklund; and Susan Kirch of California Community Catalysts for Local Control
- 10/25—Fairfax Volunteer Board regular October meeting
- 10/26—Department of Public Works Recruitment Brochure Ad Hoc Committee meeting #1 with Councilmember Goddard, Interim Town Manager Politzer, Interim Public Works Director Goldman, and Health Renschler from Ralph Andersen & Associates
- 10/26—Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee Ad Hoc meeting with Councilmember Goddard and Ross Valley Unite
- 10/26—Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee meeting
- 10/26—Fairfax Open Space Committee regular October meeting
- 10/27—Radical Transformational Leadership for Social Impact program (RTL Impact) information session
- 10/27—Marin Emergency Radio Authority October Meeting
- 10/27—Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) regular October meeting with guest speakers including:
 - Anna Guiles, Strategic Project Manager for the County of Marin and Dan Eilerman, Assistant County Administrator, providing a brief overview presentation about the County’s redistricting process. (Visit <https://redistrictmarin.org/> for more information on the project and upcoming events, including the October 26th Public Hearing)
 - Dr. Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH of UCSF, providing an infectious disease doctor's perspective on mitigating COVID-19
- 10/28—Department of Public Works Recruitment Brochure Ad Hoc Committee meeting #2 with Councilmember Goddard, Interim Town Manager Politzer, Interim Public Works Director Goldman, and Health Renschler from Ralph Andersen & Associates
- 10/28—Transportation Authority of Marin October Meeting
- 10/28—Transportation Authority of Marin Closed Session Meeting
- 11/01—Meeting with the Willow Ave Firewise community regarding the Housing Element
- 11/02—Town of Fairfax Town Manager Interviews (Day 1 of 2; Round #1)