

Minutes
Fairfax Volunteer Program
Advisory Board
November 22, 2021
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Mission Statement: "To foster goodwill and community spirit in Fairfax through volunteer activities "

Members in attendance: Geo Taylor, Marcia Custer, Sam Silverstein, Holly Clark, Excused: Jesse Hoffman

Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager; Council Member Chance Cutrano

Others in attendance: Mark Solomons, Chabad Rabbi Mendel Rice

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the October 25 meeting were approved.

1) Reports

- **Chair** – Geo suggested the Board skip the December meeting.
- **Treasurer-** Marcia announced there is \$2,732 remaining in the Bank of America checking account, and \$3,445 left in the Town's Volunteer budget.
- **Coordinator-** Maria noted the Volunteer Board cannot hold a holiday dinner meeting this year due to the meetings being held virtually.
- **Discussion** –Marcia announced she will not be extending her term on the Volunteer Board. Council Member Cutrano thanked her for her service.

2) New Business

- a) Menorah Lighting Ceremony at the Parkade** – Mark Solomons and Rabbi Mendel Rice attended the meeting to request sponsorship by the Volunteer Board for a menorah lighting ceremony on December 2nd beginning at 5:30 pm. Chabad Rabbi Rice stated the menorah is 5 feet tall. The purpose of the menorah lighting is to celebrate Hanukkah and the Eight Day Festival of Lights. The event will take place at the location of the Parkade Art Exhibit. No parking spaces will be used for the event. Maria shared with the group a poll of what other cities and towns are doing in terms of holiday exhibits that Acting Town Manager Adam Politizer had prepared. **ACTION ITEM: Marcia made a motion to support the menorah lighting ceremony, Sam seconded. Geo added that an announcement will be made inviting other groups who are interested in hosting special events reach out to the Board for consideration of such events.**

All Board Members voted in favor. Latkes and doughnuts will be served. Mark will get text to Maria so that Camille can include an announcement in the Town's e-newsletter.

b)Holiday wreathmaking/Crafts Faire- Maria announced the wreathmaking is being combined with the Crafts Faire this year and will be held on Saturday, December 11th in the Pavilion. She has started an on-line volunteer sign up form and to date has 7 people who have signed up for the various tasks. Tasks include set up and clean up, overseeing the children's Arts & Crafts Activities table, helping with the food area, and traffic control outside of the building. She asked Holly if she would be interested in helping to bake and oversee the baked goods section, since Anne Mannes has been unable to find a food vendor for desserts. Holly replied yes, as long as she could focus on that task. The Volunteers will meet at 10:30 am on the day of the event. Maria announced that items such as the tables and pop up tents can be delivered in advance of the actual event since they will be inside the building.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.