



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

December 1, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

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

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

- Town Manager candidate interviews
- Town Council regular meeting 11/3
- Council closed session regarding Town Manager recruitment
- Climate Action Committee, Town Operation Subcommittee meeting 11/9
- Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District Board meeting 11/10
- Agenda setting meeting with staff and vice-mayor 11/15
- Climate Action Committee regular meeting 11/16
- Housing Element public workshop 11/20
- SURJ Cohort for elected officials 11/29

Vice Mayor Hellman

- Town Manager candidate interviews
- SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) for Electeds cohort. November 29th
- White Awake Together class November 21
- Town of Fairfax Housing Element workshop November 20th
- Marin Sanitation Service site tour November 19th:
- Fairfax Climate Action engagement subcommittee November 19th
- Fairfax Age Friendly Breakfast November 17th
- SURJ Anti-Racist Education Work group November 16th
- Fairfax Climate Action Committee November 16th
- Council agenda planning meeting November 15th
- White Awake Together class November 14th
- San Anselmo United Against Hate event November 14th
- The Marinovators premier: A Way Out of No Way, The Legacy of Marin City. An exhibition on the lost stories of Marin City Shipyard workers of WWII. November 13th
- Hosted MCCMC Water Policy subcommittee November 11th

- Housing Element communication and engagement meeting with Planning dept and EMC. November 10th
- Race Counts Marin - a report update from The Advancement Project. November 10th
- Ross Valley Fire Board meeting. November 10th
- Climate Action transportation subcommittee. November 9th
- Climate Action engagement subcommittee. November 4th

Councilmember Coler

- Participated in Town Manager candidate interviews
- Attended Community Media Center of Marin (CMCM) Board meeting (Nov 4) – Three new Board members were announced – Nicole Cruz representing College of Marin; 2 open seats for Board members election results – Bruce Bagnoli was reelected (he is Chair and a Founding member) & Mariposa de Los Angeles (long time CMCM member) was elected to fill the seat vacated by the passing of Jim Geraghty. Also reviewed the Annual Report for FY 20/21 to be submitted to MGSA.
- Attended Countywide HUD Community Development Block Grant Committee (Nov 4) – Committee approved funding priorities for the public services projects; housing and community infrastructure/CIP will remain the same priorities (applications will be open Jan 3 -24; workshop Feb 24). Also discussed HOME-ARP funding that will be \$2.9M – largely to be spent for qualified pop. - homeless; at risk of homelessness; fleeing domestic violence, human trafficking; others with housing instability. To be spent on rental housing; rental assistance; supportive services; non-congregate shelter. County staff will work bring to the Committee for allocation after working with the Continuum of Care group (about 6 months – all funds must be spent by Sep 2030).
- Attended MCE Clean Energy Executive Committee meeting (Nov 5) – Voted to recommend Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry for the MCE Climate Action Leadership Award to the full Board; voted to recommend proposed MCE Rate Adjustment to the full Board – needed to increase rates due to the significant increases in energy and resource adequacy costs, if approved by the Board, after a 30-day public comment period, will still be a 2% discount from PGE rates.
- Attended Town of Fairfax Affordable Housing Committee meeting (Nov 9) – Discussed groups to target outreach/focus group discussions; discussion of upcoming November 20 housing element workshop.
- Met with Interim Town Manager several times on transition and other Town matters (Nov 9, 16, 23, 30)
- Age Friendly Task Force 90 and better celebration (Nov 13) – This is the 4th annual event, due to uncertainty regarding Covid as with 2020 individual gift baskets were delivered rather than a lunch as with the first two events; Coler and others on Age Friendly delivered gift baskets to the participants.
- Took tour of Marin Sanitary organic waste diversion (Nov 15).
- Met with Executive Officer Brown of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (Nov 15).
- Attended Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board meeting (Nov 18) – submitted prior to meeting being held; primary topic is the proposed MCE Rate Adjustment.
- Attended MCE Board meeting (Nov 18) – submitted prior to meeting being held; primary topics; acknowledgement of environmental reviews for Ridgecrest Fuel Reduction and the Bahia HOA Defensible Space/Evacuation Routes projects; amend contracts for the website contractor & for grants consultant; workplan progress update; Governance Processes/Procedures and Code of Conduct; process for EO annual review/compensation.

- Attended Fairfax Age Friendly Task Force meeting (Nov 19) – meeting was not held this month.
- Marin County Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee (Nov 22) - submitted prior to meeting being held.
- 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

- Met with Town Attorney Janet Coleson and R3 Consulting regarding SB 1383 and pending 2nd reading
- Participated in Town Manager candidate interviews
- Cascade Canyon Firewise Steering Committee
- Affordable Housing Committee
- Plastic-Free Marin
- Plastic-Free Marin Compost sub-committee
- Ross Valley Fire Board meeting
- Attended the County Community Workshop regarding the Safety and Housing elements of the County's General Plan
- Attended the Joint Exercise Powers Authority (JEPA) sub-committee meeting to discuss content for the Ross Valley School District's survey to determine yellow school bus ridership and reasons for decreased pass sales.
- Assisted Planning staff and EMC Consultants in a walk-through of the Community Housing Element workshop

Councilmember Cutrano

- Town Manager Candidate Interviews
- Regular Meeting of the Fairfax Town Council 11/03
- North Bay Water Authority November Meeting 11/05
- Cal Cities Speaker Series: Infectious disease experts on the evolution of COVID-19 in California and what cities can do 11/09
- Presentation on Housing Equity at Glenwood Elementary School at the invitation of Children4Change 11/09
- Meeting with Omar Carrera, CEO of Canal Alliance, to discuss equity and inclusion in planning processes, such as the Housing Element. 11/09
- Housing Element Communication Ad Hoc Committee check-in call with Vice Mayor Hellman, Interim Town Manager Politzer, Planning Director Berto, Marketing and Communication staff member Camille Esposito, and the EMC Planning Group 11/10
- Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers Water Policy Working Group meeting 11/11
- Play Marin Diversity and Inclusion Walk-a-Thon and Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice "March for Life" 11/14
- United Against Hate event hosted by the San Anselmo Racial Equity Committee 11/14
- Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) November meeting 11/17

- Transportation Authority of Marin November Meeting 11/18
- Tour of Marin Sanitary Service with Vice Mayor Hellman and Joe and Patty Garbarino 11/19
- "Offshore wind energy on California's Central Coast. What you need to know" Q&A hosted by the San Luis Obispo Tribune 11/19
- "Portraits of Protest" reception at the Fairfax Library 11/20
- Fairfax Community Workshop on the Housing Element Update 11/20
- Climate Adaptation Webinar: Climate Equity and Flooding hosted by the Sierra Club 11/20
- Fairfax Volunteer Board Meeting 11/22
- Special Briefing on the 2021 Legislative Report and New Laws Impacting Cities hosted by the League of California Cities 12/1
- Sea Level Rise Webinar hosted by the North Bay Division of the League of California Cities 12/1