



FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2024
PREPARED FOR: Mayor and Town Council
PREPARED BY: Christine Foster, Deputy Town Clerk
SUBJECT: Interview and consider appointment of applicants to the Open Space Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Interview applicant John Reed for the Open Space Committee to fill a vacancy term to March 1, 2028, and make appointments as appropriate.
2. Interview applicants Chris Arnold and Susan Efros for the Parks and Recreation Commission, each for a three-year term, and make appointments as appropriate.

DISCUSSION

Open Space Committee

Currently, the Open Space Committee has a vacant position for a 4-year term. John Reed, a Fairfax resident, has applied for this position. John has attended at least one Committee meeting and has prior experience serving on other Town bodies, such as the Volunteer Committee and the Town Council.

The Fairfax Open Space Committee ("FOSC") is an advisory body to the Town Council. The Council first established this committee in 2004, dedicated to preserving open space in and around Fairfax with a membership of seven citizens.

FOSC assesses open space acquisition opportunities, raise funds and support within the community for such proposals. This Committee also serves as an advisory body in the consideration of long-term planning for the Town, and to review certain planning and development matters.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Presently, the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) has an open position with a term expiring on October 31, 2025. The applications being considered by the Council tonight for PARC membership are from two Fairfax residents, Chris Arnold and Susan Efros.

The PARC was established in 1988 as a Town Council-appointed Commission. The Commission consists of five members. PARC oversees the public parks and recommends and organizes events and activities for Fairfax residents.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. John Reed Application
- B. Chris Arnold Application
- C. Susan Efros Application



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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APPLICATION FOR A BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE

Eligibility: You must be a current **Fairfax resident**, except for the Open Space Committee, which requires residency within the 94930-zip code area. You must attend a meeting of the committee to which you are applying before submitting this application.

Please select the board/committee/commission to which you are applying.

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Climate Action Committee
- Community Emergency Preparedness Committee*
- Marin Commission on Aging Representative
- Measure F Oversight Committee
- Open Space Committee ("FOSC")
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Tree Committee
- Volunteer Board
- Youth Commission
- Other



Note: The Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee has a separate application form.

Name: John Reed

Address: [REDACTED] Fairfax 94930

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Please explain your interest in serving on this Board, Commission, or Committee. _____

Recently, the volunteer board was dissolved, and
most of its programs were appropriately moved to
Parks + Rec. The Fairfax Trails program was not,
however, and so I attended several open space
meetings, and proposed that the trails project was
a good fit for "FOSC". The committee heartily agreed, and
I agreed to apply for a position on the board once
needed.

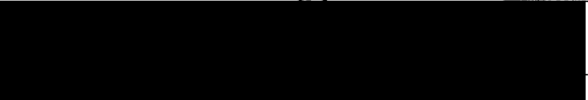
Please describe your relevant work/life experience or background for the board/commission you are applying for: Memberships on various committees, including GPAC, Volunteers, and Town Council. I have developed a comprehensive list of Fairfax's trails, included that in the general plan, and have worked to open, fund, and publicize the trail networks. I work well with people and strive to take all sides into account

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax? A Thriving community, that puts our variety of members and their various needs first, so that we continue to have a strong community long into the future

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest. I enjoy walking in open space, so the work of F.O.S.C. would also benefit me (along with most members of Fairfax!)

*For the **Community Emergency Preparedness Committee**, there are several categories of membership. Please check all categories of membership you would like to be considered for:
 CERT Firewise NRG Community

Please enter the date of the meeting you attended: 11/28/23, 12/8/23, 10/24/23

Signature: 

Date: Jan 25, 2024

Please return your completed application by email to Town Clerk Michele Gardner at mgardner@townoffairfax.org

Or by mail or drop off at:
Town Clerk, Town of Fairfax
142 Bolinas Road
Fairfax, CA 94930

Your completed application will become a public record upon submittal to the Town.

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Q1

Contact information

Name	Christopher Arnold
Address	[REDACTED]
City/Town	Fairfax
ZIP/Postal Code	94930
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Q2 Parks and Recreation Commission

Which committee or commission are you applying for?

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Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Which position on the Emergency Preparedness Committee are you applying for?

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Q4 Date / Time 11/13/2023

What is the date of the meeting you attended prior to completing your application?

Q5 Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

To better the parks and recreation for my family

Q6

How long have you lived in Fairfax?

8 years

Q7

What relevant work or life experience do you have for the board or commission you're applying for?

Working construction and planning

Q8

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax?

A thriving community for families

Q9

Describe possible areas in which you may have a conflict of interest with the Town.

None

Q10

Town newsletter

How did you hear about this vacancy?

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Q1

Contact information

Name	Susan Efros
Address	[REDACTED]
City/Town	Fairfax, CA
ZIP/Postal Code	94930
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Q2 Parks and Recreation Commission

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Q4 Date / Time 02/08/2024

What is the date of the meeting you attended prior to completing your application?

Q5 Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

As an elder who has lived in Fairfax for 32 years, I feel like I have something to contribute to the ongoing culture of our precious town.

Q6

How long have you lived in Fairfax?

32 years

Q7

What relevant work or life experience do you have for the board or commission you're applying for?

I am a writer and a writing coach so I. could provide assistance in communications within the community, as well as leading writing groups for interested parties.

Q8

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax?

To keep things as. charming and community oriented as possible. To provide for all. economic groups and promote and support the arts.

Q9

Describe possible areas in which you may have a conflict of interest with the Town.

none

Q10

Friend

How did you hear about this vacancy?
