



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

October 7, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

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

RECOMMENDATION

Receive written report.

DISCUSSION

Each month, Councilmember provide a list of the meetings each 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. The following list includes activities since September 2, 2020.

Mayor Goddard

- Set up and break down of the Public Seating area in the Mono Parking lot: Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun throughout September
- 2 "Covid Task Force" meetings
- MCCMC Small Business Recovery meeting to receive a report from The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Keep Marin Working (KMW)
- Toured Golden Gate Village with Royce McLemore, President of the GGV Resident Council
- Ross Valley Fire Board -9/9
- Safe Routes To Schools Ross Valley Task Force -9/11
- Cascade Canyon FireWise Steering Committee -9/14
- Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) -Received a presentation from PG&E's Government and Public Affairs Director Mark Van Gorder regarding Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) 2020.
- Neighborhood Response Group meeting for households on Cascade Drive between Laurel and Meadow 9/26
- "How am I a Racist" workshop with Jahmeer Reynolds -9/27
- Spoke to a group of 6th grade Whitehill Middle Schoolers about Climate and Youth Advocacy. (The Ross Valley School District and Children for Change have added this class to the 6th grade curriculum -9/28
- Yellow School Bus Joint Exercise Powers Authority meeting -10/5
- League of Women Voters San Anselmo/Fairfax Candidate's Forum

Vice Mayor Ackerman

- 9/3 MCE Tech Committee regular meeting
- 9/4 SURJ cohort working group
- 9/10 Manor Hill Firewise
- 9/15 Climate Action Committee regular meeting

- 9/17 (and other times) Installing metal roof on bus shelter
- 9/17 Meet with GridScape Designs (MCE subcontractor) at Pavilion
- 9/17 CAP Update subcommittee of CAC
- 9/18 MCE Board Retreat (as alternate)
- 9/23 MCCMC first zoom Regular Meeting
- 9/24 (and other times) Mono Lot setup/takedown of tables
- 9/24 CAP Update subcommittee of CAC, with Christine O'Rourke of MCEP
- 9/25 RESJ Facilitator interview
- 10/1 MCE Tech Committee regular meeting
- 10/2 Berkeley Energy Resources Collaborative virtual conference

Councilmember Coler

- LAFCO meeting by Zoom with LAFCO staff re: Commissioner Coler extensive comments on LAFCO Ross Valley Municipal Service Review - MSR to be finalized for LAFCO meeting on October 8 (Sep 8)
- LAFCO subcommittee meeting RE: Marin Fire Services Special Study (Sep 14)
- Distributed 100 individually- bagged cloth masks throughout Fairfax downtown with Mayor Goddard (Sep 16) – made/donated by Norma McFaddan North Bay artist, longtime friend Councilmember Coler – Norma is continuing to make more masks for Fairfax to help businesses reopen safely (she's currently evacuated due to the fires near Guerneville) –she's also made masks for Marin City, the Canal and West Marin (total masks to date >1200 to Fairfax and these other Marin locations.
- Attended Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) Board meeting (Sep 17) –appointed Executive Officer (Mark Brown); adopted Agency By-Laws; increased FireSafe Marin agreement to \$1.2M.
- Attended MCE Retreat Special Meeting (Sep 18) – presented new MCE Climate Action Leadership award to Senator McGuire; MCE Response to Covid (resiliency, social equity – portable battery program, etc.) and Rolling Blackouts (load shifting, storage and issues re: solar and wind cannot address peak energy usage); MCE will be issuing bonds in 2021/2022 to ultimately own more energy generation projects.
- Attended Fairfax Open Space Committee meeting (Sep 22)
- Attended Marin Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) meeting (Sep 23) – Mark Van Gorder of PGE presented their new approach to PSPS events – shorter events, more community centers, advance notice if possible. Because all of Fairfax is high fire threat (tier 2 and 3) we may experience longer PSPS than other locations in Marin near substations.
- MWPA (Sep 24) – provided feedback to MWPA attorney at her request on new HR attorney agreement.
- Attended Community Media Center of Marin (CMCM) meeting (Sep 24) - budget status (stable at this time); adopted changes to By-Laws.
- Attended Fairfax Age Friendly Task Force meeting (Sep 25) – discussion of planning for 90 and better gift basket (in lieu of in-person celebration event as in previous years) – Children for Change and others will distribute the gift baskets on October 24 to all participants.
- Attended MCCMC Legislative Committee meeting (Sep 28) – Most Housing bills died, two are on the Governor's desk (AB 2345 – density bonus add-ons; AB 725 - requires that at least 25% of a jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for above moderate-income housing be allocated

to sites with zoning that allows at least 4 units of housing – applies to ABAG areas; exempts unincorporated areas). AB 793 was signed which increases recycled content of plastics. Governor’s Executive Order banned new gas vehicles by 2035 (but only if feasible and subject to CARB preparing the regulations plus EPA waiver) and also asked legislature to ban fracking by law by 2024.

- Attended Senator McGuire Town Hall on wildfire preparedness (Sep 30)
- Attended MCE Executive Committee (Oct 2)

Councilmember Reed

- 9/3 Ross Valley Paramedic Authority quarterly meeting
- 9/9 Ross Valley Fire Department Board meeting
- 9/10 Manor Hill Firewise meeting
- 9/11 Fire Safe Marin meeting
- 9/23 MCCMC meeting
- 9/24 Transportation Authority of Marin meeting

Councilmember Hellman

- 9/3 Rise Up Together - Accelerator India
- 9/9 Racial Justice school
- 9/10 Fairfax PD POA meeting
- 9/10 Manor Hill Firewise meeting
- 9/10 Drake HS renaming Input listening session
- 9/10 Rise Up Together - Accelerator India
- 9/11 Firewise Board Meeting
- 9/11 Fairfax Coronavirus Taskforce meeting
- 9/11 MCCMC Economic Recovery meeting
- 9/12 SURJ training
- 9/13 All Fairfax Firewise
- 9/15 HS1327 Parent Equity Team
- 9/15 Climate Action Committee
- 9/17 RVSD Equity meeting
- 9/21 Marin VOAD public health update
- 9/22 Community Equity meeting
- 9/22 Marin Youth Partnerships film: Alcohol: The Magic Potion
- 9/23 MCCMC monthly meeting
- 9/25 Coronavirus Taskforce
- 9/29 Community Equity meeting
- 10/5 Fairfax Candidate Forum