

TOWN OF FAIRFAX STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor, Members of the Town Council

DATE: October 6, 2010

FROM: Michael Rock, Town Manager
Judy Anderson, Town Clerk



SUBJECT: Interview and appointment of applicants for the Open Space Committee to complete an unexpired term to June 30, 2014 or for a full four-year term to August 31, 2014

Recommendation

Staff recommendation is to interview candidates Jacob Feickert and Jolie Egert and to appoint each candidate to one of the terms available. It is also recommended that the Council adopt the proposed resolution to expand the citizenship requirement for the Open Space Committee to include all residents living in the 94930 zip code area. The adoption of this resolution would allow Jolie Egert to be appointed at this time.

Discussion

These two applications are the only ones received for the two openings on the Open Space Committee. The Open Space Committee met on Tuesday, September 29th, and requested that the citizenship requirement be expanded to allow for the appointment of applicant Jolie Egert who lives in Fairfax but outside the Town limits. The attached resolution would allow that expansion and is presented for your consideration.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

Applications from Jacob Feickert and Jolie Egert
Proposed Resolution expanding the citizenship requirement for membership on the Open Space Committee

AGENDA ITEM # 5

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 2334 AND 2528 ESTABLISHING AN OPEN SPACE
COMMITTEE TO EXPAND THE CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
MEMBERS**

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Fairfax have long cultivated a deep appreciation of the biodiversity and special beauty of their local environment; and,

Whereas, there remain environmentally sensitive lands in the Town of Fairfax that are subject to development pressures which threaten the loss of unique environmental and aesthetic qualities for future generations of citizens; and,

Whereas, development issues can be particularly divisive to the social fabric of our community and the web of relationships which sustain it; and,

Whereas, the citizens of Fairfax have long demonstrated a preference to exercise local control and dominion over our remaining open space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax Town Council establish an Open Space Committee to access open space acquisition opportunities, raise funds and support within the community for such proposals and advise the Town Council on matters of common concern; and that the Committee be formed as follows:

The Open Space Committee shall consist of eleven citizens who reside within Fairfax *including those citizens who reside outside of Town limits but within the same Zip Code*. Membership on the Open Space Committee shall be approved by the Fairfax Town Council from applications submitted by interested Fairfax residents. The Town Clerk shall publish a notice announcing the availability of positions on the Open Space Committee whenever a vacancy becomes available.

Members of the Open Space Committee shall serve for terms of four years. The terms of those seats currently held by incumbents Ted Bright, Niccolo Caldararo, Ruth Horn, Pam Meigs, Ryan O'Neil, and recently vacated by Terry Goyan shall expire June 30, 2008, and then every four years thereafter. The terms of those seats currently held by incumbents Helen Fauss, Denise Ferry, Jack Judkins, Mimi Newton, and Jane Richardson-Mack shall expire June 30, 2010, and then every four years thereafter. The Committee shall elect a chairperson and such other officers as necessary to run their meetings in accordance with local and state rules of procedure and decorum.

The Committee, through the Town Clerk, shall provide notice of its meetings in accordance with local and state rules; it shall keep minutes of its meetings, and such minutes shall be kept on file with the Town as a public record;

The Town of Fairfax shall provide such services and space as reasonably necessary to effectuate the orderly meetings and purposes of the Open Space Committee;

The Committee shall have in its purview responsibility to survey the lands within, and

adjacent to, the Town of Fairfax in order to determine the availability of unique, threatened, or environmentally sensitive land parcels that may be appropriate to acquire to hold in perpetuity as dedicated open space for the public;

The Committee shall also have responsibility for the consideration of long term planning of open space in and near Fairfax, for the generation of community support for the implementation of that program and for the fund raising necessary to implement the plan;

The Open Space Committee may also involve itself as an advisory body in the consideration of long term planning for the Town and also review planning and development matters in order to formulate policy it may deem appropriate to advocate;

The Committee is an advisory body to the Town Council and its role is to advocate for open space;

Decision making is a collective process by the Committee as a whole. Town staff is encouraged to provide reasonable support to the Committee in order to serve the community as a whole, under the general direction of the Town Council.

The Committee is charged with the responsibility to hold regular meetings not less than once every two months and provide a yearly report to the Town Council summarizing its activities, its budget and any possible acquisitions of lands, development rights, or other expenditures.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at an adjourned meeting of the Fairfax Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, County of Marin, State of California, held on the 6th day of October, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

LEW TREMAINE, MAYOR

Attest:

Town Clerk

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TOWN OF FAIRFAX

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

TO: Mayor and Fairfax Town Council

Date: Sept. 8, 2010

Please consider this as an application for appointment to:

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Design Review Board
- General Plan Advisory Committee
- Measure F Oversight Committee
- Measure K Oversight Committee
- Open Space Committee
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Volunteer Board
- Other

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

Name: Jacob Feickert

Address: 117 Meernaa Ave

Telephone: (Office) 507 2816

Home: 256 9487

Email Address: feickertjacob@hotmail.com

Number of Years in Fairfax: One year as a homeowner, but I spent my childhood and adolescence in the area.

Education:

Humboldt State University- B.S. in Forestry Conservancy with a minor in Environmental Ethics

National Association for Interpretation- Certified Interpretive Guide

Park Ranger Association of California- Generalist Ranger

State Fire Marshal Fire Fighter 1 and Emergency Medical Technician

Santa Rosa Jr. College- National Park Service Seasonal Ranger Academy

Please list the names of professional societies, clubs, and other organizations to which you belong.

National Association for Interpretation

Park Ranger Association of California

West Virginia Highlands Conservancy Member

Briefly describe your employment background.

For the last sixteen years, I have been a public servant. I have worked with: Cal Fire (formerly California Department of Forestry), Arcata Fire, Arcata Ambulance, Marin Municipal Water District, the National Park Service, Marin County Parks and currently work as a Ranger with Marin County Open Space. I have experience in emergency response, wildfire management, GIS, GPS, managing visitor use, exotic plant removal, habitat restoration, site planning, dealing with homeowner issues and public speaking. I also greatly enjoy leading interpretive walks and events.

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax?

I have always seen Fairfax as a forward thinking progressive community. I believe its proximity to natural and undeveloped lands helped foster an eco-minded sustainable culture. In twenty years, I hope our environment continues to positively influence our state of mind.

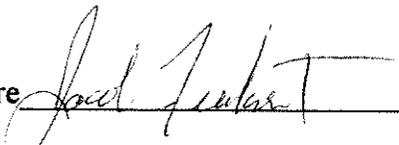
Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest.

Although I work with Marin County as a Ranger, my supervisors, management and director feel there will be no conflict of interest. If a conflict arises, I would consult with town or county counsel and follow their advice.

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

Undeveloped lands have benefits far beyond preserving scenery; our environment shapes our culture, identity and youth. For decades land owners have been pressured to develop, while communities have fought to preserve their identities. Agencies like this have been at the leading edge of land use and cultural preservation. They have created many situations that benefit landowners and communities while protecting the environment as local culture. I hope to become part of this process.

Signature



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Name: Jolie Egert

Address: 96 Gregory Drive, Fairfax

Telephone: (Office) 510 666 9453 Home: 415 ~~777~~ 454 2251

Email Address: Jolie@gawildconsulting.com

Number of Years in Fairfax: 2

Education M.S. Natural resources / Forestry
from Humboldt State University.

B.A. ~~Environmental~~ Environmental studies
The Evergreen State College

Please list the names of professional societies, clubs, and other organizations to which you belong.

Vice President - Marin Chapter Native Plant Society

Plant conservation association, American Botanical Council,
Society for Ecological Restoration, Sonoma County Herbal
association

Stone Soup foundation, San Francisco Botanical Society.

Briefly describe your employment background. 25 years as environmental
Advocate and 20 years as environmental scientist
Currently own Go Wild Consulting -

You can see more about my work at www.gowildconsulting.com

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax? Friendly to community
and the environment. I like it the way it
is and love the open space and want to
help on that committee.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest. I live adjacent
to the wall property.

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

I moved to Fairfax because of the
Nature opportunities - I want to help
in acquiring more land and managing what
we have. I want to give back to my ^{community.} ~~community.~~

I want to learn more about the politics of
Fairfax. Meeting new interesting people is
also a benefit

Signature

Jolie Regent

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