

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory Board
October 22, 2007
Youth Center
16 Park Road
7:00-9:00 p.m.

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

Board Members: John Reed, Scott Valentino, Holly Dines, Michael Branton, Melanie Peratis, Anya Schandler, one vacancy

Present: John Reed, Holly Dines, Scott Valentino, Melanie Peratis, Pam Hartwell-Herrero, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator

John called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The September minutes were approved.

1. Reports

- **Chair**-John introduced Pam Hartwell-Herrero, of Sustainable Fairfax. They are interested in partnering with the volunteers this year to sponsor the holiday caroling event. It was suggested the event take place in the Pavilion, to accommodate more people. A date of Sunday, December 16th from 3-7 p.m. was set. Activities will include wreath making, card making, ornament making, and wrapping paper decorating activities. A sub-committee was formed consisting of Pam, Melanie & Maria. They will meet soon to discuss details of the holiday party.
- **Treasurer**-After paying invoices due to vendors, a total net of \$500 was made at the Town picnic.
- **Coordinator**-Maria ordered and received the three additional pet dispenser containers. A pilot project consisting of collecting plastic newspaper bags and filling the containers with them will be conducted in the parks and ballfield. This will conserve valuable resources and save money in ordering bags. A public outreach campaign via e-mail blast will soon follow to publicize the program. Maria will relay this information to David, the volunteer who fills the containers. John suggested there may be an additional volunteer named Trish who may help replenish dispensers.

2. Projects-
Old Business

- **Creek clean-up follow –up-** A total of 40-50 volunteers showed up for this activity, more than we had in past years. A great turn out came from Drake High School, so we will continue outreaching to the high

school population. The San Francisco Chronicle ran a Chronicle Watch story the week prior to the event.

- **MMWD broom pull** - John announced the broom pull is scheduled for Nov. 17th. The Board will do an e-mail blast publicizing the event.
- **Fairfax Trails Marking project**-A small work party was scheduled for Wed., Oct. 24th at 9:00 a.m. at the Youth Center.

New Business:

- **Halloween event**- The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Halloween parade that concludes at Bolinas Grove. Melanie will check with Terry Ciafrei to see if he would like to decorate the grove.
- **Spare the Air campaign** –Maria announced the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will provide artwork to prepare 3 banners/flags depicting a prohibit sign on lit fireplaces. The purpose is to discourage residents from burning their fireplace during smoggy winter days. More details to follow. An e-mail blast will be conducted to provide public education/awareness to town residents.

Next Meeting: November 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.