

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory Board
January 28, 2008
Youth Center
16 Park Road

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, Melanie Peratis, Scott Valentino, Anya Schandler, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Frank Gonzales

Holly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The December minutes were approved.

Public Forum-Frank Gonzales, former artist-in-resident, attended the meeting to discuss joint program the volunteers and artists in the community could be involved in. Frank may plan something around the upcoming Earth Day event in April. He currently resides in Fairfax from January through June of the year.

1. Reports

- **Chair**-Election of officers: Officers will be retained in their current positions.
- **Treasurer**-Bank statement was passed along to Holly from Maria.
- **Coordinator**-Announcements regarding grant funding opportunities which have been identified by Yvonne Roberts, Management Analyst, were distributed by Maria to the volunteers.

2. Projects-
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- **Pet Solutions stations**-Holly brought laminated signs she produced which specify that plastic newspaper bags are being re-used for pet waste disposal in an effort to conserve resources. She will apply them, and John will install the remaining pet solutions stations at Deer Park. A list of all the pet solution stations throughout town will be compiled.
- **Fairfax Trails Marking project**- John has identified some Boy Scouts that will be helping with this project. In addition, we will include it as part of the activities for Earth Day. Scott mentioned that Marin Ayurveda (behind Yoga Loka) is interested in collaborating on an "Art into Action" project at Bolinas Park for Earth Day. More details to follow.

- **Peri Park Playground clean-up**- The first clean-up effort was held on Saturday, January 12th, spearheaded by David Smadbeck of PARC. Madeleine Wood of the Peri Park parents group helped recruit 12 volunteers. The event was very successful.
- **Holiday event recap**—The pros & cons of holding the event at the Pavilion were discussed. Next year, the venue will once again move back to the Women's Club, which provides a cozier atmosphere. Partnering with Sustainable Fairfax proved to be a positive venture.

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- **Earth Day event-scheduled for Sunday, April 20, 2008.** Scott mentioned that Sustainable Fairfax has indicated an interest in partnering with the Volunteers this year. Activities may include trail marking, litter pick-up, and art projects made from recycled products to close the loop on use of materials collected.

Next Meeting:**February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Youth Center.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.