

**Minutes**  
**Volunteer Program Advisory Board**  
**March 24, 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, Scott Valentino, Anya Schandler, Melanie Peratis, Michael Branton, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, David Smadbeck, PARC

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

Public Forum-

**1. Reports**

- **Chair-**
- **Treasurer-**Maria passed along bank statement to Holly.
- **Coordinator**

**2. Projects-**

**Old Business**

- **Fairfax Trails-Art to Action 4/27-**Local sculptor Zac Pine will conduct an Earth Day activity for the Volunteers at Forrest Terrace Trail, from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The itinerary is as follows:
  - ❖ 9:30 a.m.-meet for coffee & bagels
  - ❖ 10:00 a.m.-Info & trail clearing
  - ❖ 11:00 a.m.-art project
  - ❖ 12 noon-picnic lunchThis event will take place at Forrest & Meernaa. Steps will be put in at this site, with the help of Drake High School students.
- **Fairfax Trails Marking project-** In preparation for the Earth Day activities, a sub-committee consisting of John, Michael & Melanie will stain and paint the trailmarkers. This will be done on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, as well as other times informally at the Youth Center.
- **Fundraising for the Library-** no news to report.
- **NTPP Grant requirements for Fairfax Trails-**no new grants will be applied for at this time, as there are currently three grant applications underway.

- **Printed newsletter or flyer**-each member of the Board will write/update a section of the Fairfax Volunteers website and then send copy to Michael, who will edit text. A newsletter will be developed from the current information.

#### New Business

- **Fairfax Festival- Jumpee house request**- The Volunteer Board decided not to take this project on this year, as many of its members are involved with the Ecofest.
- **Rebuilding Together project** –David Smadbeck made a presentation on the organization he is involved with that originated out of *Christmas in April*. His agency looks for people in need of home improvement projects that cannot afford them, and offers free help through the assistance of contractors, plumbers, etc who volunteer their time to make repairs. He approached Fairfax Volunteers to see if the Board could serve as a resource to seek out needy individuals who require help, as well as skilled laborers offering to lend a helping hand. Fairfax Volunteer supported the concept of partnering with Rebuilding Together to spread the word in the Fairfax community that this service exists. The criteria is that the resident must own the property on which the repairs are being made, and their annual income must not exceed \$40,000. David distributed a sample of clients and odd jobs that are performed. He will provide language which will go out in the next e-mail blast via the Volunteers.

**Next Meeting: April 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Youth Center.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.