

**Minutes**  
**Volunteer Program Advisory Board**  
**February 23, 2009**  
**Youth Center**  
**16 Park Rd.**

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

Board Members: John Reed, Scott Valentino, Holly Dines, Melanie Peratis, Anya Schandler, Tim Barrett

Present: John Reed, Melanie Peratis, Holly Dines, Anya Schandler, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Councilmember Larry Bragman, Patrick Troupe

John called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The January minutes were approved.

Public Forum-

**1. Reports**

- **Chair-** John signed a letter on behalf of the Volunteers in support of a grant that Yvonne Roberts, Management Analyst for the Town, submitted for Hazardous Fuel Reduction. The Volunteers will provide in-kind services of \$5,000, through hours worked by citizen volunteers and board members on the fire prevention/ brush clearing project, as their contribution to the 10% match required of the town.
- **Treasurer-** Anya was issued a reimbursement for holiday expenses.
- **Coordinator-** Maria indicated she has several people that have contacted her to perform community service; she will pass the names along to John for upcoming trail & brush clearing events.
- **Good Festival-** Patrick Troupe requested the use of the Friends of the Fairfax Volunteer's non-profit status to conduct his event; permission was granted.

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- **Brush clearing event-** Larry Bragman reported that the Chief Roger Meagor of the Ross Valley Fire Service (RVFS) supported the project at a recent Town Council meeting. He stressed the importance of clearing overgrown brush in preventing fast spreading wildfire catastrophes. The Fire Department may contribute towards the cost of renting the equipment and/or provide personnel to assist with the project via grant funding. The Scenic/Tamalpais loop neighborhood is interested in being the pilot for this project. There are approximately

100 houses in the area. Cascade will be next on the list. Willow is also a potential neighborhood of interest. John stated there is a March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with Captain Craig Carroll, RVFS, in the Scenic/Tamalpais community. A sub-committee for this project was formed consisting of John, Holly, and Larry Bragman. The weekend of April 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> will be targeted for the brush clear in Scenic. Larry Bragman will seek out local tree trimming companies for the best rate on renting the chipper.

- **Pet bag dispensers** –The doggie waste bag container at Deer Park has disappeared, a new one will be purchased for replacement.
- **Trail marking project**-will take place on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the Youth Center and disperse to various neighborhoods to install trail posts at pedestrian pathways. John will purchase reflector decals for the trail posts to be marked and identified. Melanie, John & Maria will spearhead the trail posts sub-committee. A sub-committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. at Mel's house, 25 Park Rd.
- **Community garden**-Currently there are 5 people on the waiting list of the community garden at the library. Maria stated Michael Rock will be meeting with Librarian Gail Wiemann to explore more space at the site.

## 2. **Future Projects- 2009**

- **Brewfest**-Ingrid Weiss contacted John about recruiting volunteers to help the Chamber of Commerce at this event. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. at the Pavilion.
- **Creek clean-up**-will occur in July again this year.
- **Town-wide picnic**-scheduled for Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 p.m. at the ballfield. John mentioned the Marin County Bicycle Coalition had contacted him about provide bike parking service at a cost of \$100.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Youth Center.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.