

**Minutes**  
**Volunteer Program Advisory Board**  
**January 26, 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, Tim Barrett, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Councilmember Larry Bragman, Peter Werba

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

Public Forum-

**1. Reports**

- **Chair-** John announced that Cyclovia will be organized by the Marin County Bicycle Coalition.
- **Treasurer-**Melanie turned in receipts from the holiday event for reimbursement.
- **Coordinator-**Maria announced that Michael Branton had resigned and a vacancy on the Board has been posted.
- **Officer's elections-** The current officers will remain on board.

Old Business

- **Pet bag dispensers** –The new doggie waste bag dispenser was installed on the trail at 180 Meernaa. The surplus dispenser will be put in at the community garden at the library, by Melanie.

**2. New & Existing Projects- 2009**

- **Brush clearing event-** Larry Bragman addressed the issue of overgrown brush in town as a potential fire hazard. He suggested perhaps the Town can rent a chipper and mulch some of the yard waste that is creating a hazard. He inquired as to whether the Volunteer Board would want to help organized such an event, and suggested it be done neighborhood by neighborhood in the Spring. Some of the areas in town that need attention include the hilly neighborhoods of Willow, Cascade, Deer Park, Scenic and Jolly Hill. He will propose the idea to the Town Council and see if town funds can be used to supply the equipment. Professional staff would be required

to operate the chipper. Volunteers could help clear the brush prior to the chipping event. It was suggested the Ross Valley Fire District advertise the program through a street banner. The Volunteer Board voted to support such a concept. It will be coordinated with Earth Day in April. Most likely the clean-up will occur over the course of several weekends.

- **Skate Board Park proposal**-Peter Werba attended the meeting on behalf of concerned parents in town seeking recreational activities for youth. Currently there are few after school programs. As an alternative to kids becoming involved in risky activities, he suggested building a skate park near downtown. Approximately 4-5,000 square feet are required to build a concrete skate park. There is grant funding available to finance skate parks. Other communities that have skate parks include Novato, San Rafael, Corte Madera and Mill Valley. The Volunteer Board expressed concerns that such a project would require much leadership and encouraged Peter to research potential sites and organize a sub-committee that would spearhead the proposal. He will contact other parents and perhaps submit the idea to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.