

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory Board
March 30, 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,
John called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The February minutes were approved.

Public Forum-

1. Reports

- **Chair-** John announced he has located a contact for the community garden water bill at the County of Marin. John will call them to find out the status of the account. He mentioned that Sustainable Garden Network has identified a plot at Jolly Hill, behind Good Earth, to conduct co-op gardening. The Volunteers would like for the Town to work with Spirit Wiseman, Community Garden Coordinator, prior to any expansion at the existing site.
- **Treasurer-**Holly reimbursed Melanie for trail marking expenses.
- **Coordinator-**Maria announced Park & Rec has requested the Volunteers do an e-mail blast to promote an upcoming April 4th Swap Meet in the Pavilion of children's items, the Easter Egg Hunt on Sat. April 11th at 10:00 a.m., and a cake decorating contest sponsored by the Artists in Residence on Sunday, April 19th from 12 noon-4 p.m in the Pavilion. Maria also mentioned she attended a workshop on recruiting new volunteers sponsored by the Center for Volunteer & Non-Profit Leadership in San Rafael.

Old Business

- **Fairfax Trails project-**Approximately 10 people turned out on Saturday, March 21 to install 5-6 trail posts in the Tamalpais neighborhood. Some opposition was noted by residents who have blocked off access to the trails on their property. Some discussion followed on whether the Town Council could pass an ordinance preventing the tampering and/or removal of the trailposts. Vandalism has been a problem at some locations.

- **Pet bag dispensers** –Maria will order additional pet bag waste dispensers for Deer Park. She will contact the Marin Municipal Water District to determine if their staff has removed previous dispensers prior to any new installation. Melanie installed a container near the community garden at the library.
- **Tree Chipper project**-scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26 in the Scenic neighborhood. On Saturday, residents will clear brush from their property. On Sunday, a chipper will move through the neighborhood, collecting the debris. John and Holly have spoken with local tree trimming companies, and will get estimates back to Maria. Vacarro's Tree Service has offered to perform the service pro bono, but cannot do it on that particular day. Other companies include: Treemaster, and Mr. Tree's. Maria will relay this information to the Ross Valley Fire Department to see if they can cover the costs. The Town will know by April 20th if the Hazardous Fuel Reduction grant is approved. If the grant is approved, it will take six months for the Town to receive the funding. Melanie added it would be useful to have the mulch generated from the chipping available at the community garden, and a few other sites around town. She will contact Public Works in regards to this request.

2. **Future Projects- 2009**

- **Town-wide picnic**-scheduled for Sunday, September 20th from 12-5 p.m. at the ball field. The Volunteer Board will discuss at the next meeting.
- **Recruitment of new members**-Tim will advertise on Craig's List to attempt to find members with website skills. There are currently two vacancies on the Board; Scott Valentino's position expires on March 31, 2009.

Next Meeting: **Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m., Youth Center.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.