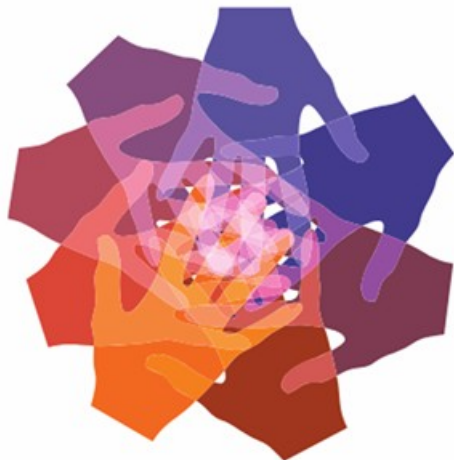


News

DEI Initiatives Update - June 21, 2021



The City of Mill Valley commits to act and encourage community action towards eliminating racial disparities, both inside government and in the community. The City Council has identified Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives as their top priority, and staff provides regular updates to the City Council and community at each City Council meeting.

A summary of this information will be shared tonight at the City Council meeting during the City Manager's Report. [Participate.](#)

DEI Work Plan Update

The City continues to follow a regular schedule of updates on the [DEI Work Plan](#) to Council and the community. Follow the progress on the [City's DEI Tracking Tool](#).

- At tonight's meeting, Council will receive an update on items in the DEI Work Plan under the purview of the Planning and Building Department regarding Affordable Housing. [Read the staff report here.](#)
- At an upcoming meeting in September (date TBD), Council will receive an update on items under the purview of the Police Department.

Library

Join the World Literature Book Club as they dip into the literary waters of many cultures and sample some of the best stories around. Next club meeting is July 20th and they will discuss *How Beautiful We Were* by Imbolo Mbue. [Learn more.](#)

Police

- Several members of the Police Department and Councilmember Ossa will attend a meeting of the STRIKE substance abuse prevention program later this month hosted by the [Marin City Community Services District \(MCCSD\)](#). The program brings together representatives from several Southern Marin communities to address alcohol and illicit drug use by under-age individuals.
- Over the past year, Mill Valley has seen a considerable increase in individuals experiencing homelessness and an associated need for transportation assistance. As one way to help, MVPD has purchased bus passes through Golden Gate Transit to distribute to community members in need. Each pass is good for one-time use within Marin County. The program is not a means to relocate those in need, rather to provide people with transportation to the services they may require. [Learn more.](#)
- On the heels of [a productive first session in May](#), Chief Navarro recently participated in a planning meeting with organizers to discuss next steps and an action plan for the “Uncomfortable Conversation with Black Men” discussion series.

Mill Valley Fire Department/Southern Marin Fire

- On May 25, 2021, Chief Tubbs and Fire Prevention Specialist McKenna Ramiro attended the regular Mill Valley DEI Core Team meeting. McKenna Ramiro was selected as the Chair of the Fire District’s DEI Taskforce. The District is partnering and sharing information between the City and Districts DEI teams which is in part why McKenna is attending the Mill Valley DEI Meetings with Chief Tubbs. The Mill Valley team shared survey results on an internal survey that 110 of 137 employees participated in. The survey assessed employee awareness of City-wide and department-level DEI initiatives.
- Chief Tubbs and Chief Tyler (Novato Fire) represent the Marin County Fire Chiefs on the [Digital Marin](#) Government and Emergency Management Workgroup. Recently the Digital Marin Team completed the initial analysis of data and feedback from the community outreach efforts. Recently, Digital Marin conducted a joint workshop with members of the [Executive Steering Committee](#) and all [Communities'](#) Work Groups to review a combined report that includes commonalities and synergies among the individual community findings. The outcome from this workshop will be shared with the [Magellan Advisors](#) and be integrated into a needs assessment. This will be presented at the June 24, 2021 meeting.

Planning & Building

The June 21 City Council meeting will have the following items on the agenda regarding affordable housing:

- Consideration of a partnership with an affordable housing team to build affordable housing at 1 Hamilton Drive
- An update on the Housing Element, including a possible appeal regarding the City’s Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)
- [See the agenda to view the Staff Reports and communications.](#)

Public Works

- Construction is slated to begin June 21 on the [Camino Alto & Sycamore Ave Intersection Improvement project](#). This includes upgrades to the traffic signal, installation of accessible curb ramps, cyclist and pedestrian crossing upgrades, realignment of existing crosswalks, restriping and widening of portions of the intersection. The curb ramps will be upgraded to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The goal of the ADA is to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. The City of Mill Valley works to ensure that people with disabilities have access to City programs, services, activities, and facilities.

- Bids for the East Blithedale and Downtown rehabilitation projects are due on on July 1, 2021. All qualified contractors are encouraged to review the publicly advertised plans and specifications and to submit bids. [Learn more.](#)

Collaborating with Partners Across the County

- Councilmember Ossa and City Manager Piombo met on June 1 with the [Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers](#) Committee on Homelessness. Discussion included a countywide effort to pool funds for case managers and homeless housing initiatives.

Learn more:

- DEI Initiatives Tracker: Please check out this [Resource Page of City Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives](#)
- Contact us: Email us at dei@cityofmillvalley.org.
- Join our email list: [Sign up to receive DEI updates.](#)

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