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FAIRFAX and SAN ANSELMO OPEN SPACE COMMITTEES SPECIAL COMBINED MEETING

Memorial Park, Picnic Area near Log Cabin, Veterans Place
(legal address 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.), San Anselmo, CA 94960
Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 6:30 PM

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Susan Adams	Nancy Morita
Michael Ardito	Mimi Newton
Ted Bright	Chris Powers
Ray Burgarella	Nancy Rogers
Ruth Horn	Hannah Salaverry (<i>ex officio member</i>)
Jack Judkins	

San Anselmo Open Space Members:

Jonathan Braun, Co-Chair	Daniel Krebs
Leonard Charles	Karin Ludwig
Brian Crawford	Stanley Radtke, Co-Chair
Barbara Dwyer	Kathleen Sanders
Linda Hoch	Michael Schinner
Peter Horn	Amy Skewes-Cox
	Rene Voss

Michael Ardito (FOSC) and Jonathan Braun / Stanley Radtke (SAOSC) co-chaired the combined meeting.

Introductions (6:30 p.m.) FOSC members present were: Michael Ardito, Ted Bright, Ray Burgarella, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Nancy Morita, Mimi Newton, Chris Powers, Nancy Rogers, and Hannah Salaverry).

1. Call to Order and Approval of Special Combined Meeting Agenda for Aug. 19, 2015 (7:00 p.m. approximately). The combined agenda was approved by both FOSC and SAOSC.
2. Updates on Sky Ranch purchase, restoration and fundraising -- Jonathan Braun for SAOSC: J. Braun reported that Sky Ranch was officially and successfully transferred to the Marin County Parks and Open Space District this week. The loans were paid off. The old equestrian buildings at Sky Ranch were demolished at a cost of \$24,000. The total costs for restoration of the property was \$85,000. At the time of transfer, Marin Open Space Trust was \$4,700 shy of raising funds for completion of the restoration project. There will be new gates and keys for entering the property by car or truck.
3. Discussion and possible action for selection of Friday, December 11, 2015 regarding 19 Broadway fundraiser with Olive & Dirty Martinis (Nancy Rogers): Members of both committees approved moving forward with that date for the benefit concert fundraiser.
4. FOSC Continuing Business – Update on Wall Property: Mimi Newton reported that the new property owner and neighbors attended the July meeting of FOSC. She provided a summary of the discussion.
5. Discuss potential future collaborations and recruitment of next student representatives for FOSC and SAOSC: Hannah Salaverry / Connor Clark. Both are Drake students (Hannah, a senior; and Connor,

a junior suggested that the current youth members and adult members of FOSC and SAOSC start recruitment for next as soon as possible. There are several venues for outreach to potential student members – the Drake leadership class; the environmental club; the internship counselor for college and careers.

FOSC and SAOSC members suggested several ways for improved collaboration:

- Look for opportunities to hold combined fundraisers
- Address open space access issues such as rights-of-way
- Decide on a baseline management system for open space
- Provide community awareness of the county's road and trail management plan

6. Announcements of upcoming events: (a) San Anselmo Country Fair Day and Parade on Sunday, Sept. 27; (b) Fairfax Streets for People on Sunday, August 30; (c) Fairfax Town Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 13; (d) Marin's annual Gift of Love 2015 will be on Saturday morning, Sept. 26 at Paradise Park in Tiburon (e) other pertinent events announcements. Fairfax members were reminded that the town clerk has invited and recommended that FOSC members attend the ethics training from the Town attorney who will provide required ethics refreshers for the Town Council and Planning Commission members next Wednesday, August 26 at 7 p.m. San Anselmo members reported that they are required to do on-line ethics training each year.
7. Open Time for Comment: (a) FOSC and SAOSC Members' Expressions: (b) Public comments. (*The public is welcome to address the Committees at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Committees are not permitted to take action on any matter not on the agenda, unless it determines that an emergency exists, or that the need to take action arose following posting of the agenda. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and a spokesperson for an organization is limited to five minutes.*) No members of the public appeared at the special meeting.

Committees then addressed independent business separately.

Continuation of Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting (8:00 p.m. approximately)

8. Approval of minutes from July 28, 2015. Approved unanimously.
9. Treasurer's Report – Ted Bright.
10. Continuing Business – Annual Report covering two years to Town Council (Michael Ardito): He provided a written first draft to the members and asked for input from the other members. He will send out an electronic copy to the members for their review and comment. He will provide a second draft incorporating additional information and requested revisions.
11. Continuing Business – Opening of position for FOSC chair; discussion and possible action: The members have not had anyone step forward to take on the responsibilities of being a full-time chair. At this time, the task will rotate among available members. Jack Judkins will serve as chair for September and October. Nancy Rogers will serve as chair for November and December.
12. New business – Acquisition and Restoration Projects. Consideration and possible action on:
 - a. Parcel across creek from Egger Grove – potential acquisition project
 - b. Parcel adjacent to Deer Park – potential clean-up project.

Due to the late time, these items were deferred to the next regular meeting.
13. Reports from Boards, Committees and Subcommittees (including the Tree Committee and the General Plan Implementation Committee): Jack Judkins will represent FOSC for the September meeting of the Fairfax Tree Committee. Nancy Rogers will represent FOSC for the October meeting

of the Tree Committee. Chris Powers has joined the Fundraising Subcommittee. Michael Ardito has joined the Joint Fairfax-San Anselmo Open Space Subcommittee.

14. Quorum call and consideration of cancellation of September 22, 2015 FOSC meeting: It was determined that not enough members will be available in September to reach a quorum. So, the September 22 meeting was cancelled. The next regular meeting will be October 27. Due to Thanksgiving and holidays in December, FOSC members decided to hold a combined November / December meeting on Tuesday, December 1. With two current vacancies and at least one more expected, FOSC members realized it would be increasingly difficult to reach a quorum of six out of eleven members. The mayor may recommend that the number of members for FOSC be reduced from eleven to nine.
15. Announcements: Nancy Morita announced that due to her daytime job duties she will be resigning from FOSC. Mimi Newton indicated that the Fairfax mayor, Fairfax town manager, and the Fairfax town attorney have recommended that she resign from FOSC to alleviate any conflicts of interest with her recent appointment to the Fairfax Planning Commission. FOSC meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.