



## **AGENDA**

### **FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

16 Park Road, Fairfax  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 7:30 PM

#### **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:**

Mimi Newton - Chair	
Michael Ardito	Helen Fauss
Ted Bright	Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler	Jack Judkins
Niccolo Caldararo	Ryan O'Neil – Co-Chair

1. Roll call - Mimi, Michael (by phone), Ted, Barbara, Niccolo, Helen, Ruth, Jack, Ryan. Guest: David Smadbeck
2. Approval of 3-2-10 agenda and minutes for 1-26-10 FOSC meeting – Motions made; seconded; both approved.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding proposal from Ben Ross to transfer a portion of his property at 200 Toyon to the Town of Fairfax, partially for cash and partially as donation. David Smadbeck report and discussion by FOSC members - Ben Ross is still in process with the Town of developing his property at 200 Toyon. FOSC decided - if he wishes FOSC to consider a portion of his property for Open Space acquisition in the future, the committee is willing to listen after the building permit process is completed. ACTION ITEM: Mimi, Ryan, and David will write him a letter. Ryan will call him.
4. Discussion and possible action on Ross Valley School District consideration of possible sites for new school – Helen - The Ross Valley School District consideration of Deer Park for a new school: **Motion made, seconded, approved:** Mimi will stand up during Open Time at the Town Council meeting -- FOSC recommends the Council act to preserve Open Space resources at Deer concerning the Ross Valley School District development plans.
5. Subcommittee Reports
  - Acquisitions
    - i. Discussion regarding pros and cons of acquiring small parcels for small amounts, such as back taxes etc. :  
Pros - 1. Easy - the Town has 1st right of refusal - ours without effort
      2. Cheap - cost is unpaid tax amount
      3. Contributes to our holdings
      4. Trading/bargaining chips for other propertiesCriteria include:
      1. Connect wildlife corridors
      2. Contiguous to existing Open SpaceACTION ITEM: Jack to develop criteria using as a basis the revised Open Space Element of the General Plan requires FOSC to identify and prioritize by specific criteria parcels within the Fairfax Planning Area within 6 months of adoption. Acquisitions Subcommittee to have strawperson criteria proposal for next meeting.

- ii. Evelyn David property: Discussion and possible action regarding (a) potential request to Town Council for acquisition; and (b) possible field trip to property by FOSC and possibly, Council Members. A field trip will be scheduled after Ryan acquires a new machete.
- iii. Tax Foreclosure Property – still in process. Jack will continue to monitor.

- Fundraising – no items
- Governance – no items
- Public Outreach – no items
- Stewardship – no items

6. Discussion regarding development of possible rules of use for open space and status of efforts to make permanent sign for Jolly Hill Open Space area – Follow-up Corte Madera Creek morphology report. ACTION ITEM: Ryan to locate the previous reports.

7. Status of efforts to analyze public easement for Jolly Hill access – Continue to next meeting

8. Update on annexation of Egger Grove – ACTION ITEM: Ruth & Mimi discuss with Frank Eggar

9. Update on Berg litigation – No progress yet.

10. Update on work of GPAC regarding Open Space and Conservation Elements – The GPAC Committee is proposing a fast track to write the Conservation Element. Mimi and Ruth volunteer to help. It is hoped that the Plan will be completed by this summer for submission to the Planning Commission, then Town Council for final editing and approval.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding 680 Trail Issues – brief discussion.

12. Update on action items from 1-26-10 meeting

13. General Update on Miscellaneous Issues - next meeting: SFD property for sale (agenda item next meeting); crows killing squirrels in large numbers; coyotes sighted in Fairfax.

14. Open time for public expression - none