



**MINUTES**  
**FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:30 PM**

**Fairfax Open Space Members:**

Ray Burgarella – Acting Chair	Jack Judkins
Michael Ardito	Chris Powers
Ruth Horn	Nancy Rogers
	Hannah Salaverry ( <i>ex officio member</i> )

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Ray Burgarella, Michael Ardito, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Chris Powers, Nancy Rogers, Hannah Salaverry (all members present); Also present: FOSC member candidate Michael Simler
2. **Welcome new FOSC Member(s):** Michael Simler was the only interested candidate to submit an application in advance of the next Fairfax Town Council meeting.
3. **Approval of Agenda for January 19, 2016 and Minutes from October 27, 2015 and Minutes from December 1, 2015 meetings:** All approved unanimously.
4. **Open Time for Public Expressions** (*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 were present to offer expressions.
5. **Report from FOSC fundraiser on Friday, December 11, 2015 regarding 19 Broadway event with Olive & Dirty Martinis.**  
Ray Burgarell reported that income from the fundraising event was \$3,545. There was discussion about the pros and cons of having the fundraising event in the December holiday season. Outreach was a great team effort and mostly successful except for glitches with the San Anselmo-Fairfax Patch, according to Michael Ardito
6. **Future Approaches for Outreach and Fundraising** – Chris Powers and Outreach /Fundraising Subcommittees. Chris Powers offered to take the lead in planning the next music performance fundraiser as he knows members of some bands. Mimi Newton, former chair, had submitted an email proposing to help with another fundraising event with The Eleven (Grateful Dead tribute band). Discussion revolved around possibly an outdoor event at another venue such as Fairfax’s Contratti Ballpark or Rancho Nicasio. Nancy Rogers offered to call the Town about availability of the ballpark. Nancy is continuing to follow the possibility of using the Fairfax Theater to show a Robert Redford environmental film as a fundraiser. Chris Powers will look into having a graphic artist redesign our FOSC logo.
7. **FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
  - *Update regarding Wall Property* (mini workshop at Planning Commission on Jan. 21, 2016). Announcement was made about the workshop.
  - *Two-Year Annual Report to Town Council* – Michael Ardito. The revised two-year annual report was approved for submittal to the Fairfax Town Council and its consent calendar for its next meeting on Wednesday, February 3.
  - *Parcel across creek from Egger Grove*– potential acquisition project. Clarification and research was still needed about this property.

8. **FOSC Subcommittee Reports and Assignments** (with discussion about gaps from recent member resignations; Appointment of Treasurer). Ray Burgarella was elected as the FOSC treasurer.
9. **Appointments / Confirmation of Acting Chairs**  
Ray Burgarella indicated he could still be the acting chair for February. Chris Powers offered to chair the March meeting. Jack Judkins offered to chair the April and May meeting. Michael Ardito offered to chair the June, July and August meetings.
10. **Discussion and possible action on FOSC Membership** (decrease number or adding youth members). Hannah Salaverry will follow-up with recruiting a youth member replacement for the next fiscal year – she graduates from Drake High School in June.
11. **Quorum Call for FOSC meeting on February 23, 2016.** It was confirmed that a quorum is expected for the next regularly scheduled FOSC meeting.
12. **Discussion and possible action regarding Marin County Measure A grant proposal opportunities to study open space preserves.** The studies are technical and FOSC has nothing in the pipeline to submit prior to the February deadline.
13. **Members Expressions:** (a) Clarification and questions requested about the Raker property regarding “bridge” financing. (b) A question was asked about the status of the annual Gift of Love broom pull for Jolly Hill. Michael Ardito replied that the Gift of Love county-wide event was postponed from February until September last year due to new leadership at Bay Marin Church. He does not know the current status. (c) Michael Ardito mentioned that the Marin Independent Journal columnist Dick Spotswood started a new television interview show “IJ Forum” airing on a local station. The inaugural show was about sharing Marin trails between hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. The interview included Linda Novy, former member of FOSC. (d) In another matter, Michael Ardito followed up with former mayor Barbara Coler and determined that FOSC could not, but the Town Council could, formally endorse any measure -- including the upcoming Bay Area nine-county tax measure for Bay restoration and the effort to fight sea-level rise.
14. **Adjournment at 9:40 p.m.**