



**MINUTES**  
**FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

16 Park Road, Fairfax  
January 27, 2009, 7:30 PM

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:**

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

1. Roll call: Mimi Newton, Michael Ardito, Barbara Coler, Nicolo Caldarero, Denise Ferry, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Ryan O'Neil, Jane Richardson-Mack

Guests: David Nyberg, David Kroll (Taylor Ave. neighborhood)

2. Moved guests to first item and approved agenda

3. Approval of minutes of past meetings

4. Treasurer's Report – on vacation. Proceeds so far from newsletter -- \$2,235. (\$1705 in December). Motion: Next fall's newsletter will be mailed earlier – by Thanksgiving.

5. Taylor Ave. neighbors, Dave Nyberg and David Kroll, have been concerned about the five-sided town-owned lot by Bennett House at the base of the Wall Property. With John Reid of Fairfax Volunteers, they have sponsored clean up days in the past. Over 3 weekends, 16-20 neighbors worked together collecting 25-30 bags of garbage and pulling broom. The upper hill, known locally as Jolly Hill, is used for sliding down by kids, partying and itinerant camping. This is a potentially beautiful site with a great view – it just needs care and attention. A data base has been started with the aid of John Reid.

Suggestions were made for a sign, garbage can, and park bench. Motion made – Niccolo and Ryan will do reconnaissance of the site. Continue to next month. Plan a picnic brunch there for Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

6. GPAC Committee Open Space Element – Mimi and Ruth attended the meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. A subcommittee of 6 members was formed to rewrite the Open Space and Conservation Elements of the General Plan. Subcommittee members: Mimi, Ruth, Pam Meigs (planning commission), 2 members of GPAC, and Larry Kennings (urban planning consultant, serving as interim Fairfax planning director and consultant for GPAC). The maps referred in the General Plan will be digitalized.

7. Egger Preserve tree removal/retaining wall: Ryan has made a formal request and had a follow-up meeting with the Public Works director. He will pursue the project monthly until work is complete.

8. Email from David Weinsoff re: Sustainable Fairfax Design Prize proposal – He would like feedback.
9. Subcommittee reports:
  - A. Acquisition: Jack Judkins
    1. Wall Property – still attempting to make contact with Dr. Wall’s daughter.
    2. Ben Ross Property – initial meeting scheduled for Tuesday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> to listen and show our interest and lay groundwork for future acquisition
  - B. Stewardship:
    1. Mapping is in progress using color coding: yellow for built-on parcel, blue for vacant parcel, turns to green as acquired for open space.
    2. Fairfax Foresters – Motion – Invite Fairfax volunteers to February meeting to discuss marking of fire route trails
10. Door to door outreach proposal for the Ross Property -- Have material from previous campaigns – continue to next meeting.
11. Group Dynamics – focusing small groups proposal – In order to accomplish more, we will target specific smaller issues for each meeting.
12. General Update on miscellaneous issues
13. Open time for public expression