



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

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:30 PM

Mimi Newton - Chair

Susan Adams	Ruth Horn
Michael Ardito	Jack Judkins- Co Chair
Ted Bright	Nancy Morita
Ray Burgarella	Nancy Rogers
Jacob Feickert	Beatrix Berry ( <i>ex officio member</i> )
	Hannah Salaverry ( <i>ex officio member</i> )

1. Roll Call. Mimi Newton, Susan Adams, Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Jacob Feickert, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Nancy Morita, Nancy Rogers. There was a quorum.
2. Approval of January 2015 Agenda and July 2014 Minutes and August 2014 Minutes. Members approved unanimously to add approval of the August 2014 minutes to the agenda. Members approved unanimously this meeting's agenda and the minutes of July and August 2014 minutes.
3. Update, discussion and possible action re: Wall Property (Mimi).
  - a. Mimi reported on her meeting with Marshall Rothman, who described himself as the Wall Property owner, with a group of financial partners: He stated – and Jim Moore affirmed - that the Town had issued 4 certificates of compliance for four of the parcel's 10 lots; that in November 2014, the owners filed applications for certificates of compliance for the remaining 6 lots, which were pending; that the owners would develop and sell some unknown number of lots and that Mr. Rothman would live in the 10<sup>th</sup> lot, but would not be likely to build in the area near the Upper Ridgeway. Rothman stated the owners want to work with FOSC, e.g., open meetings/forum. Jack stated that a lot's certificate of compliance affirms that the lot is legal. Jack stated that prescriptive easements may be on the parcel and there may be parcel users who could demonstrate prescriptive use.
  - b. FOSC had not been aware of the applications for, or issuance of, certificates of compliance for the lots. Mimi stated she would discuss FOSC's concern about the lack of notice with the Planning Director.
  - c. At the meeting, members of the public requested that FOSC meet with the Planning Director and obtain evidence to support prescriptive uses. A community of residents stated they would create a flyer about the Wall Property for circulation among neighboring communities.
4. Update, discussion and possible action re: Sky Ranch's acquisition and trail restoration. (Mimi, Nancy R.)
  - a. Status report – Nancy Rogers reported that there is a small deficit in the acquisition monies, but that it will be covered by the close of escrow (by donors/purchasers other than FOSC).
  - b. Raising the needed funds for Sky Ranch restoration is the next focus of the property acquisition. MOST prefers to conduct the restoration work before it transfers ownership of the parcel to the County. The focus of FOSC's fundraising will be the open space trails.
  - c. FOSC Fundraising ideas – Nancy R. reported that Jamie Redford volunteered another fundraiser for Sky Ranch or open space projects; she suggested FOSC consider a movie night fundraiser for the restoration funds. Mimi suggested a show by The Eleven.

5. Report re: 164 Willow Avenue development project (Mimi, Susan, Ruth, Nancy). Susan, Mimi, and Ruth attended the January 2015 Planning Commission meeting that discussed this project and reported on the Commission's actions. The Commission and property owners' representative agreed to continue the matter for 90 days.
6. Update, discussion and possible action re: Town notices to owners of parcels on the Open Space Inventory (Mimi). The Town must notify owners of parcels listed on the Open Space Inventory that their parcels are on the Inventory. Some parcels may not have included on the list for such notices. Susan and Ray volunteered to identify which parcels on the Open Space Inventory were not included on the list of notices sent to parcel owners.
7. Update, discussion and possible action re: naming open space parcels in Fairfax (Mimi). Members voted to recommend to the Town Council that the Town install a bench at and name Town property located at the corner of Frustuck, Cascade and Bolinas property "Larry Bragman Park." Voted: 8 ayes, 1 abstention.
8. Update, discussion and possible action re: Ben Ross Property (Mimi). Mimi reported that Ben Ross has indicated an interest in selling the parcel to the Town. The parcel is on the Open Space Inventory. Jack volunteered to contact Mr. Ross about his interest.
9. Report - ABAG Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Designations (Mimi). Mimi reported that a public workshop will be scheduled for March. (A Town Council resolution requesting PCA designations of selected parcels is due to ABAG May 15, 2015.) Jack, Susan and Ray volunteered to identify the APNs for the Open Space Inventory parcels.
10. Tax Assessment Districts Workshop (Mimi). Item continued.
11. Report: Tree Committee, GPIC and Affordable Housing. (Jake, Mimi). Jake submitted a report on the Tree Committee. Other items continued.
12. Members' Expressions. (a) Mimi noted that there is a FOSC vacancy. Mia has resigned from FOSC because she relocated out of FOSC's jurisdiction. (b) Michael reported that the Gift of Love program has ceased. FOSC members discussed the idea of hosting an open space clean-up project in Spring (possibly April) that would be similar to what FOSC had hosted as its previous Gift of Love events.

Approved: February 24, 2015

Next Meeting: February, 24, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Adams