



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 7:30 PM

Fairfax Open Space Members:

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Ray Burgarella, Acting Chair. Members present: Ray Burgarella, Michael Ardito, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Chris Powers, and Michael Simler. Absent: Nancy Rogers and student / youth member Hannah Salaverry.
2. **Welcome new FOSC Member:** Michael Simler
3. **Approval of Agenda for February 23, 2016 and Minutes from January 19, 2016 and Minutes from special meeting held February 10, 2016** were 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.*) None.
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Ray Burgarella reported that he has met with Fairfax Town Finance Director Michael Vivrette about our account. Our FOSC account balance at the end of 2015 (after 19 Broadway fundraiser) was \$15,278. In addition to the Town’s Measure A donation of \$50,000 in 2015 for Sky Ranch, the FOSC account had withdrawals of \$10,000 of donation for purchase and restoration of Sky Ranch. Ray indicates his recollection is that FOSC only approved the donation of \$5,000 from our account to Sky Ranch. Ray is trying to solve the mystery and reconciliation of this matter.
6. **Future Approaches for Outreach and Fundraising** – Chris Powers and Outreach /Fundraising Subcommittees. When the FOSC website is fixed and working again, Chris asked for clarification of the FOSC website protocol for making donations online (via PayPal or Marin Open Space Trust link). Also, Chris inquired about the FOSC approach for email blasts.
7. **Possible music concert fundraiser in 2016:** Chris Powers; Nancy Rogers; and (Mimi Newton, former FOSC Chair). After much discussion about potential venues and music fundraisers with The Eleven (Grateful Dead tribute band) and / or local band San Geronimo or other bands, this item was tabled until next meeting.
8. **Future of FOSC Website** – discussion and possible action: Chris Powers. It was reported that FOSC Webmaster Barbara Coler sent our historical, electronic file of FOSC minutes and agendas on a flash drive to LINK Creative to be uploaded to the restored website after it was seriously hacked in late January.
9. **FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
 - **Update regarding Wall Property** (mini workshop held at Planning Commission on Jan. 21, 2016). Mimi Newton, Planning Commissioner mentioned that recent meetings are videotaped and available online. It was mentioned that new maps regarding the Wall property are now available. A discussion about a possible bond measure for fundraising to acquire potential open space was tabled until the next FOSC meeting.

- **Revisions to Two-Year Annual Report to Town Council:** The 2013-15 report was updated, streamlined and unanimously approved for submittal to the Consent Calendar for the March 2, 2016 meeting of the Fairfax Town Council meeting.
10. **FOSC Subcommittee Reports.** Michael Ardito reported that at last night's (February 22, 2016) Tree Committee meeting one of the agenda items was about the controversial requested removal of redwood trees (now just two of four requested) at 85 Bolinas Road (Fairfax Square). About 15 members of the public (including some elected officials) showed up to express opinions and ideas about saving the two redwoods. Last fall about 100 members of the public showed up for that Tree Committee meeting when the original proposal to remove four redwood trees at 85 Bolinas was on the agenda. The agenda item was again continued until the next meeting scheduled for March 28.
 11. **Appointments / Confirmation of Acting Chairs** – March, April, May, June, July, August. Chris Powers is scheduled to be acting FOSC chair for March. Jack Judkins is scheduled for April and May. Michael Ardito is scheduled for June, July and August.
 12. **Discussion and possible action on FOSC Membership** (decrease number or adding youth members). This item will continue to be discussed at future meetings. We had one interested potential applicant attending this meeting who could fill the eighth of nine current positions. Unless reduced to seven members, the meeting quorum would remain to be five members.
 13. **Quorum Call for FOSC meeting on March 22, 2016.** Jack Judkins reported that he will be unable to attend the March meeting.
 14. **Members Expressions:** (a) Michael Ardito reported that potential dates for this year's Give Back Tuesday fundraiser at Iron Springs could be on Tuesday, June 14 or 21. (b) There were questions about a FOSC volunteer (Scotch/French) broom pull at Jolly Hill or elsewhere this spring while the ground is damp. Michael Ardito confirmed that no "Gift of Love" open space/park stewardship event was currently scheduled for Marin County as held for several years (2008 to 2013). A potential "broom pull" in Fairfax will be placed on the FOSC agenda for next month. (c) Registration to the annual Bay Area Open Space Conference on May 19 was announced today online and several members expressed interest. This item will be placed on the agenda for the March FOSC meeting. (d) A refresher and further information about compliance with the Brown Act was requested for discussion at the next meeting. (e) Michael Ardito mentioned that the new Marin Independent Journal's "IJ Forum" interview program is broadcast on local television each month and the video link placed on the newspaper's website. The first program was about Marin open space and the sharing of trails with hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. The second program was about the Ross Valley flood control issue.
 15. **Adjournment**