



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Lauren Hinxmann, Acting Chair
Chris Borjian	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Shelley Clark	Jack Judkins
Charles Cornwell	Susan Pascal Beran
Chance Cutrano	Lili Secord, Youth Member (ex officio)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Lauren Hinxmann, Acting Chair
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Chris Borjian, Shelley Clark, Charles Cornwell, Chance Cutrano, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran
Member Absent: Lili Secord (youth member)
- 2. Approval of Agenda for February 27, 2018 and Minutes** from October 24, 2017, December 5, 2017 and January 23, 2018. Tonight's agenda was approved as well as the FOOSC minutes from October 24 and December 5, 2017. The approval of the minutes from January 23, 2018 was postponed to the next regular meeting.
- 3. Welcome to new FOOSC member Shelley Clark**
- 4. Special Presentation on Resilient Forests:** Catriona MacGregor provided an overview of her background and her proposed lecture about "Resilient Forests." She practices environmental law and works in the non-profit sector. She has studied birds and wildlife over many years. She is informed about habitat management, policy and education for resilient forests. She mentioned that deer and bird populations have fallen 80 percent over the last five to ten years. Our forests in California are suffering from diseases such as the sudden oak death (SOD) syndrome and stressed or dying from recent droughts. The pine beetle has also been devastating soils and there is soil nutrient deprivation. In the Deer Park area, she told us that it has been transformed from an oak forest to a bay/laurel forest. Due to archaic laws, she informed us that people and organizations such as Wildcare are not allowed to help adult wild animals. Catriona MacGregor and FOOSC agreed to sponsor an educational forum followed by an educational walk probably in the May timeframe. We will try to collaborate these events with the Fairfax Park and Recreation Commission, the Volunteer Board, the Tree Committee, and Sustainable Fairfax.
- 5. Open Time for Public Expressions** (*The public is welcome to address the Committee at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Committee is 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.
- 6. Election of FOOSC Chair.** Lauren Hinxmann was elected as the permanent FOOSC chair, and Jack Judkins was elected as FOOSC vice chair.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** Charles Cornwell reported that he met with Fairfax Finance Director Michael Vivrette. Our FOOSC account balance is \$23,682.47. We had a recent expenditure of \$360 to Link Creative for website repairs.

8. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action): Lauren Hinxmann. We are set up to use PayPal for the sale of our FOSC water bottles from our website. Lauren is working to establish links for Instagram and Twitter. We are also planning to provide outreach via NextDoor. We also learned that former FOSC Chair Mimi Newton has arranged to hold another annual FOSC benefit concert in Peri Park on Sunday afternoon, April 15 with the Eleven, a Grateful Dead cover band.
9. **Report on Fairfax Plant Walk held Saturday, January 27:** Lauren Hinxmann reported that this foraging hike with Nick Nutu was a big success and we will plan more of these kind of walks.
10. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers** (discussion and possible action): Chance Cutrano reported that the Volunteer Board is sponsoring the Thursday, March 29th Mixer for members of the Fairfax Town Council, Boards, Committees and Commissions. Chance provided some suggestions on how FOSC can better coordinate additional outreach through the Fairfax Volunteer newsletter.
11. **Proposition 1 Grant Application to Coastal Conservancy** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran reported that FOSC did not receive the grant, but our proposal will be refined and resubmitted for other grant opportunities.
12. **Additional Grant Opportunities:** Lauren Hinxmann and Susan Pascal Beran reported that Fairfax may be able to apply for a grant to re-establish steps on trails. Also mentioned was a potential state ballot proposal to authorize \$4 billion for parks and environmental protection work.
13. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). Changes to the Subcommittee Assignments were: Chris Borjian added to the Acquisitions; Lauren Hinxmann, Shelley Clark, and Charles Cornwell added to the Fundraising; Chance Cutrano and Susan Pascal Beran added to the Public Outreach; Lauren Hinxmann and Chance Cutrano added to the Stewardship; Jack Judkins and Chance Cutrano will be the Measure A Funds Subcommittee; Jack Judkins and Shelley Clark will be on the General Plan Open Space Subcommittee (and Michael Ardito will be removed from that subcommittee).
14. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; Tree Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals). No new information was provided.
15. **Quorum Check for FOSC Special Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018.** Yes, it appears FOSC will have a quorum for this special meeting at the Fairfax Women's Club to focus on review for open space components of the development proposal for the Wall property / Marinda Heights.
16. **Quorum Check for Possible Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2018.** It appears we will have a quorum for the next regular FOSC meeting.
17. **Reports of activities from partner agencies:** San Anselmo Open Space Committee; Bay Area Open Space Council; Marin Open Space Commission; Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee: FOSC representatives. No new information provided.
18. **FOSC Participation in Broom Pulls 2018.** The Jolly Hill broom pull was scheduled for Sunday morning, April 8 for our annual FOSC stewardship project at that location.
19. **FOSC Members Expressions.** It was requested that FOSC regularly add back the agenda item on Implementation of General Plan Open Space Element including Identification of Recreational Trails and Priority Open Space Lands.
20. **Adjournment** was at 9:20 p.m.