



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Fairfax Open Space Members:**

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Jack Judkins
Ray Burgarella, Treasurer	Chris Powers
Sara Dudley, Acting Chair	Nancy Rogers
Lauren Hinxmann	Michael Simler
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary	Allie Ross ( <i>ex officio</i> youth member)

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Sara Dudley, Acting Chair  
*Members present:* Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Sara Dudley, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Chris Powers, Michael Simler  
*Members absent:* Jack Judkins, Nancy Rogers, and ex-officio member Allie Ross
2. **Welcome to new FOSC member:** Lauren Hinxmann, who was interviewed and appointed at the February 1, 2017 Fairfax Town Council meeting.
3. **Approval of Agenda for February 28, 2017.** Agenda was approved.
4. **Resignation of Lily Williams, youth member and recruitment for 2017-18 school year.** Michael Ardito will reach out to Allie Ross and Lily Williams regarding potential steps to find a youth member for the next school year.
5. **Approval of FOSC Minutes for December 6, 2016 and January 24, 2017 meetings.** The minutes from both meetings were unanimously approved to be submitted for posting.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Burgarella reported that the FOSC budget balance on July 1, 2016 was \$20,092. The balance as of February 1, 2017 was \$19,631.85.
7. **Statements of Economic Interest Form 700 potential filing requirement** (FOSC discussion and possible action). Upon the recommendation of the State's Fair Political Practices Commission, the Fairfax Town Council will most likely vote on March 1 to require FOSC members to file the Form 700.
8. **Updates on Broom Pulls:** Sky Ranch, Jolly Hill, Upper Ridgeway Trail. Lauren Hinxmann volunteered to coordinate some future FOSC broom pulls with Greg Reza of the Marin Parks and Open Space regarding the use of broom pulling tools. Michael Ardito will provide Lauren with the contact information for Greg Reza.
9. **FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
  - *Lutheran Church property update* (and potential open space acquisition of back 18 acres). Michael Ardito reported that the Tree Committee will be voting separately in several months to approve potential removal of trees on the property for wildfire suppression or other reasons, but outside the footprint of the construction zone.
  - *Wall Property update* (potential open space acquisition). *No updates.*
10. **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.*) Visitor Charles Cornwell asked about the “Old Railroad Grade” open space on MMWD property.

11. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** (discussion and action) effective March 1, 2017. This item was postponed to a future meeting due to the changing status of certain members.
12. **Bay Area Open Space Council workshop on March 16 and annual conference on May 18, 2017** (discussion and possible action for registration reimbursement). Chris Powers was approved by FOSC to receive reimbursement for his \$30 registration fee for the March 16 workshop, but subsequently learned he would be unable to attend. (Ray Burgarella was subsequently able to attend the workshop to represent FOSC in the place of Chris Powers.)
13. **Quorum Call for FOSC meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.** Apparently, FOSC will have a quorum for the March 28 meeting.
14. **Give Back Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Iron Springs** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito confirmed that FOSC will have its annual Give Back Tuesday on that date. FOSC has the option of providing information at the event.
15. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action): Chris Powers announced he will have to move from his Fairfax residence in the near future, but he may be able to follow-up on some FOSC outreach designs and merchandise. The potential for FOSC business cards with the new FOSC logo is another item for future discussion. This entire agenda item is postponed to next month.
16. **FOSC Participation in Fairfax Festival 2017** (discussion and possible action). The options for a FOSC information table at the Fairfax Festival 2017 is postponed to a future meeting.
17. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers:** Sara Dudley announced she will no longer be able to serve as the liaison to the Fairfax Volunteers, as she needs to resign from FOSC. She has accepted a new job and will be moving to Sacramento. Michael Ardito was directed to reach out to Maria Baird with the Town of Fairfax to help get FOSC events posted on the Fairfax Volunteers calendar and in their monthly newsletter.
18. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). Michael Simler was added to the Acquisitions Subcommittee. Lauren Hinxmann was added to the Subcommittees for Public Outreach and Stewardship.
19. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; the General Plan Implementation Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals)
20. **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. *The SAOSC annual fundraiser is scheduled for sometime in April with more information available in the near future.*
21. **Memorial gifts to FOSC in memory of Patrick Troup** (report from Michael Ardito and Ray Burgarella). In December, FOSC received two donations (one for \$250 and one for \$100) in memory of Patrick Troup. Thank you letters from Treasurer Burgarella and Co-Secretary Ardito and cards from FOSC members to the donors were signed at this meeting.
22. **Status of Draft FOSC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16:** Michael Ardito announced this will become a two-year report for FY 2015-17.
23. **FOSC Members Expressions.** The status and storage of existing FOSC merchandise will be researched. Sara Dudley thanked FOSC members for being able to serve and expressed regret she will not be here this summer for the Fairfax creek walks and cleanup.
24. **Adjournment** was at 9:10 p.m.