



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

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, March 24, 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, Michael Ardito, Ted Bright, Ray Burgarella, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Nancy Rogers, Beatrix Berry, Hannah Salaverry. There was a quorum.
2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda Members approved the March 2015 agenda unanimously. There were no proposed minutes for the February 24, 2015 minutes. Chair Mimi Newton mentioned that minutes for August and December 2013 are still missing.
3. Treasurer's Report. Ted Bright indicated there was nothing new to report.
4. Public Expressions/Open Time: No public members in attendance.
5. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Outreach and Potential Interviews for New Ex Officio Youth Member for FOSC: Michael Ardito, Beatrix Berry and Hannah Salaverry reported that they gave a brief presentation at Drake High School on Wednesday, March 11 to Kendall Galli's student leadership class regarding youth member openings for FOSC and for the Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC). In collaboration with the Fairfax Town Clerk, an updated youth member application form was developed. A motion was approved to conduct interviews as an early scheduled agenda item for the next FOSC meeting on Tuesday, April 24. Beatrix and Hannah agreed to develop a list of expected roles and responsibilities for youth ex-officio members.
6. Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Sky Ranch Restoration. It was reported that Marin Open Space Trust is in the midst of trying to raise approximately \$150K for restoration costs for Sky Ranch by the end of June before transfer to the Marin County Open Space District. Nancy Rogers reported that she has been in contact with James Redford regarding his band, Olive and the Dirty Martinis, to perform another fundraising concert for Sky Ranch. She has also been in contact with 19 Broadway about using that venue again for the fundraiser. Nancy Rogers mentioned other possible fundraisers with local celebrities including use of the Fairfax Theater as a venue for showing a film. Michael reported that our annual Give Back Tuesday at Iron Springs Pub and Brewery will be held Tuesday evening June 16.
7. Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Recommendations to Town Council for Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Designations. Mimi has been working on identifying seven zones in and adjacent to Fairfax as possible PCA designations. She will help prepare a map of the zones prior to the next Town Council meeting on April 1. Jack will help provide texts and data maps. The proposed zone designations are: Zone 1 – "Tamarancho"; Zone 2 – "Wall / Kappe"; Zone 3 – "Sleepy / Manor"; Zone 4 – "Cypress / Toyon / Tamalpais"; Zone 5 – "Pine"; Zone 6 – "Town and Country"; and Zone 7 – "Sky Ranch".

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding FOSC Strategic Plan for 2015:

a. Report regarding priority rankings of individual properties on Open Space Inventory

FOSC members were encouraged to take and submit photos as well as their write-ups for their assigned PCA.

b. General Plan Programs and Policies

c. Concept of a Fog Catcher (This proposed idea of canvas or other curtains to collect moisture from the local fog to help reduce the impact of the extended California drought is being referred to Larry Bragman, the Ross Valley's representative to the Marin Municipal Water District.)

d. 2015 FOSC Priorities and Goals - Mimi will update our "2014 FOSC Priorities and Goals" for the next three-year cycle. For example, in FY 2015, we will continue work on characterizations for potential open space parcel acquisitions. In FY 2016, we will continue improved map work.

9. Discussion Regarding 164 Willow Avenue Development Proposal. Ruth reported that there was a Fairfax Planning Commission meeting held on March 19 that discussed this property. The result was that an oak tree was saved.

10. Upcoming Events

a. Jolly Hill Broom Pull, Saturday, March 28, 2015. It was decided that the broom pull will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nancy Rogers will pick up and return the broom pullers.

b. The Eleven Benefit in Peri Park, Sunday, May 3, 2015. Mimi reported that his fourth annual fund-raising musical performance benefit event by The Eleven, a Grateful Dead tribute band, will encourage patrons to donate \$20 to FOSC for attendance.

11. Reports from Boards, Committees, and Sub-Committees: Michael reported that there will be several upcoming annual events in July that Fairfax Open Space members can volunteer to help and will be very much appreciated in the community. The Marin County Parks Department needs volunteers to help with cleanup after the Marin County Fair at the fairgrounds the day following the Fourth of July weekend (Monday, July 6). Also, the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has moved up its second annual Wine Stroll now to be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015.

12. Members' Expressions. Mimi reminded everyone that we still have one open position of a voter-age member on FOSC with the resignation of Mia Andler who moved out of the Fairfax area.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Ardito