



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

Fairfax Open Space Members:

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The pre-designated Acting Chair for March, Jack Judkins, was called away for a family emergency and was not able to attend this meeting. Michael Ardito was voted by the remaining FOSC members to serve as the Acting Chair for this meeting.

Members present (a quorum): Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, and Chris Powers.

Members absent: Jack Judkins, Michael Simler, Allie Ross (*ex officio youth member*)

2. Approval of Agenda for March 28, 2017 and Minutes from February 28, 2017

This meeting agenda was approved. The February 28, 2017 meeting minutes were approved with typos to be corrected for agenda items number 1 and 18.

3. Resignations and Status of FOSC Members

Since our February meeting, two members resigned: Sara Dudley and Nancy Rogers

4. Youth member recruitment for 2017-18 school year: Allie Ross.

Michael Ardito will contact Allie Ross to find out if other FOSC members are needed to help recruit a youth member for the 2017-18 school year.

5. Statements of Economic Interest Form 700 filing requirement (FOSC discussion and possible action). FOSC members are required to submit the Form 700 and any required attachments to Town Clerk Michele Gardner by April 3, 2017.

6. Updates on Broom Pulls: Sky Ranch, Jolly Hill, Upper Ridgeway Trail: Lauren Hinxmann. Michael Ardito will provide Lauren Hinxmann with the email address for Greg Reza of the Marin County Parks and Open Space regarding reserving broom pulling equipment for potential events in Fairfax this spring.

7. Treasurer's Report: Ray Burgarella

Ray will contact Town Finance Director Michael Vivrette about ways to recognize FOSC donors via Pay Pal for documenting charitable contributions for tax reporting purposes.

8. 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 Alisha Klein of Resources for Community Development contacted him last week regarding the two-acre Victory Village project and the potential set-aside of one-third acre as open space parallel to the trail along the east side of the property. Ardito believes this would be in addition to the potential pursuit of the back 18 acres of the 20-acre property as open space.
- *Wall Property update* (potential open space acquisition). No new information.

- *Update on Ben Ross property* – Jack Judkins has scheduled Ben Ross to attend the May 23, 2017 FOSC meeting.
9. **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.*) FOSC member applicant Charles Cornwell asked if Chris Powers would be able to help FOSC members with the new FOSC logo and potential merchandise after Chris has moved to Southern California.
 10. **Selection of Acting Chairs for April through August 2017.** Ray Burgarella will serve as the Acting Chair for April. Jack Judkins was reassigned to act as chair in May. Michael Ardito volunteered to serve as Acting Chair for June, July and August to coordinate the annual combined meeting with San Anselmo Open Space Committee.
 11. **Quorum Call for FOSC meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.** It appears that FOSC will have a quorum if all available members are able to attend.
 12. **Bay Area Open Space Council workshop on March 16 and annual conference on May 18, 2017** (discussion and possible action for registration reimbursements): Ray Burgarella, Chris Powers and Michael Ardito. Chris Powers will contact Janet Garvin to be reimbursed for Ray Burgarella's attendance at the March 16 workshop. With no other FOSC members available or interested, Michael Ardito was selected as the FOSC representative to attend the Bay Area Open Space Council's annual conference on May 18 in Richmond. Ray Burgarella provided a verbal report of information learned at the March 16 workshop:
 - Study results about 17 Marin County open space sites and 20 San Mateo County sites were provided. In Marin, 97.2 percent of people were satisfied with the trails. The worst problems cited were #1 dogs (not on leashes and dog poop left on trails); #2 bikes on the hiking trails; #3 horses (and poop) on the trails.
 - Mill Valley and Corte Madera parks were the most used in Marin.
 - One goal is to figure out how to shuttle people to park trailheads.
 - Marin residents can receive free passes to some parks and open spaces via the Marin County Free Library.
 - In Marin, statistics showed that 50 percent of park and open space users were of each gender (male and female). Ninety-percent were Caucasian. Seventy-one percent of users had bachelor degrees or higher. Hispanics heavily used Marin parklands near beaches (such as McNear's Beach) for picnics and family events.
 13. **The Eleven Benefit Concert for FOSC 2017** (discussion and possible action). Mimi Newton, former chair and member of FOSC, reported that the Eleven Benefit concert is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 21 depending upon approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mimi will also check her storage unit to determine what existing FOSC merchandise, such as T-shirts, are still available.
 14. **Give Back Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Iron Springs** (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito indicated that FOSC still has the option to provide public information at this fundraiser.
 15. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action): Chris Powers and Lauren Hinxmann have met for transfer of information and core responsibility from Chris to Lauren.
 16. **FOSC Participation in Fairfax Festival 2017** (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito will contact Monty Stephens, chair of the Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission,

regarding the FOSC request to reserve the bench location again this year at the corner of Bolinas and Elsie for an information table.

17. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers.** FOSC needs to better utilize the Fairfax Volunteers website and newsletter to announce FOSC events such as the Give Back Tuesday fundraiser.
18. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). Recently resigned FOSC members have been deleted from the list of subcommittee assignments on the FOSC website by our web master, Barbara Coler.
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). No new reports.
20. **San Anselmo Open Space Annual Fundraiser on April 8, 2017:** Michael Ardito reported that the SAOSC fundraiser will feature a presentation by Dirk Rosen regarding “California’s Deep Ocean Wilderness” to be held at St. John’s in Ross.
21. **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 had no other or new reports.
22. **FOSC Members Expressions.** None.
23. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.