



Minutes
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax
Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE Present:

Mimi Newton - Chair	
Michael Ardito	Jacob Feickert
Ted Bright	Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler	Jack Judkins-Co-Chair
Chelsea Donovan	Linda Novy
Jolie Egert	Ryan O'Neil

1. Roll call – J. Egert, B. Coler, J. Judkins, M. Ardito, R. Horn, J. Feickert, M. Newton
2. Approval of agenda and Mar. 22, 2011 minutes
3. Ben Ross property, Fairfax (Margot Zender, Guest): Mr. Ross' undeveloped property on Toyon Drive is on the market and Ms. Zender is Mr. Ross' realtor. Ms. Zender requested a letter from the Town expressing a willingness to accept a donation of all or part of the Ross property from an as yet unidentified buyer. A lively discussion followed. **Action- Newton to check into Town's prior resolution regarding acquisition of the property, send that and General Plan references to property to Ms. Zender, review available information and speak with fire safety or other persons regarding potential liability of Town if donated and take new FOSC members to visit the site.**
4. Egger Redwood Grove access litigation, appeal of decision and Town Council's expenditure of funds marked for Open Space (Larry Bragman, Guest): Opening briefs to be filed in late May. There is a compelling ADA and funding issue supporting the town's position. **Action- All to brainstorm fundraising activities to support further actions, and contact potential entities who could prepare amicus curiae briefs (e.g., California AG's office).**
5. Treasurer's Report – written report provided by Mr. Bright at the meeting in lieu of his presence.
6. Update on Iron Springs Give Back Tuesday Fundraiser: \$1388.25 in donations plus what we receive from Iron Springs.
7. Update re: post card mailer: Postcards sent out for fundraiser and web site.
8. Discussion regarding business cards for FOSC members, costs and alternatives: Action - **Ardito, Newton, Horn, Egert - research other ways to produce cards and bring proposal back to Committee**
9. Discussion regarding urban greening grant application: Application period opens next week but the Ross Valley Area does not qualify.
10. Discussion re: appointment of FOSC representative to General Plan Implementation Committee: Feickert volunteered and unanimously voted as representative for FOSC to GPIC – **Action – Newton to advise Judy Anderson.**
11. Discussion re: participation of FOSC in Fairfax Ecofest: Motion to pay fees and participate - approved. **Action – all to review calendars for availability over Ecofest weekend to man FOSC booth.**

12. Discussion regarding identifying proposed Fairfax General Plan Open Space and Conservation Element work to be performed by FOSC. **Action – Feickert to review both elements and bring information to Committee at a later meeting.**
13. Discussion possible field trips/broom pulls/educational hikes/assessments of flora and fauna. **Action: those interested in visiting the Egger Grove and Ben Ross properties will meet Friday, May 20 at 4pm at the entrance to the Egger Grove.**
14. Update and discussion re: draft Rules of Use for Open: Deferred to another meeting.
15. Update re: Hearing on Camp Tamarancho Cell Tower: Congrats to Donovan and others for their efforts. The proposed sites application was not approved.
16. Update re: Jolly Hill access easement negotiations: Ongoing.
17. Update re: website and constant contact: Egert requested member fill in all of our contacts using the website.
18. Review of Action Items from March minutes and Committee member comments and requests: Reviewed with no comments.
19. Open time for public expression:
 - Egert asked about our role in the story poles at the old Luckys/Albertsons location. Determined that if the construction obscured the views of adjacent hills our committee should be aware of it; **all agreed to look at the story poles from different angles in advance of next meeting.**
 - Judkins- update – our acquisition criteria are on the Town Manager’s desk.