



MINUTES

FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 7:30 PM

Mimi Newton - Chair

Susan Adams	Chelsea Donovan
Mia Andler	Jolie Egert
Michael Ardito	Jacob Feickert
Ted Bright	Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler	Jack Judkins- Co Chair

1. Roll Call. Present: Mimi Newton (MN), Susan Adams (SA), Michael Ardito (MA), Barbara Coler (BC), Jacob Feickert (JF), Ruth Horn (RH), Jack Judkins (JJ). Public members present: Janice Lee, Rick Holland.
2. Approval of May 2012 Agenda and April 2012 Minutes. Agenda was approved unanimously. The proposed April 2012 Minutes with minor changes were approved unanimously. Susan appointed as Committee Secretary.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding Fairfax Festival, June 9 – 10. Discussion and Action Items:
 - a. Friday Night Movie – FOSC will not participate this year.
 - b. EcoFest Booth - The Booth's theme will be the Willow Avenue Acquisition. Design will include photo display, "Hiking the Willow Avenue/Upper Ridgeway trails." **Mimi, Mike, Ruth will design the Booth.**
 - c. Availability of massage therapist - **Mimi will attempt to reach the therapist**, following efforts by Barbara to reach her.
 - d. Oak tree seedlings for Booth donations - **Mimi will inquire of Mia whether it is feasible for her to prepare seedling donations.**
 - e. Manning the Booth – **Mimi will circulate a sign-up sheet.**
4. Iron Springs Give Back Tuesday Fundraiser, June 2012. FOSC will award certificates of appreciation to Ryan O'Neil and Linda Novy. Mike prepared a press release, which Committee approved. Mimi prepared the flyer. **Action Item: Barbara will post the press release, the flyer on the fundraiser, and a write-up on the FOSC website.**
5. Update on Ordinance to authorize "emergency" real property expenditures by Town Manager. **Item deferred to June meeting.** As part of the discussion, members agreed to add a Finance Report to be added to June 2012 agenda concerning reconciliation of Open Space funds.
6. Open Space Signage. Proposed amendments to Ch. 12.36 of the Municipal Code to regulate and add signage requirements for open space parcels (Jack). Discussion: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to authorize signage for open space properties and establish uniform rules for using open space parcels and other public recreational parcels covered by the ordinance. Susan suggested a change that will be incorporated into the final proposed amendment.

7. Acquisition/Donation - APN 001-022-04. Town obtained a title report, paid by FOSC (\$400.00). Report revealed that (a) 2011 real property taxes are outstanding (+/- \$500.00); septic use permissible; sales of alcohol prohibited; cow sheds prohibited. Decision: FOSC will not pay outstanding taxes on a donation of land.
8. Acquisition - Pine and Cypress Streets. Item is postponed to June meeting. **Action Item: Jake will prepare the priority criteria evaluation for this parcel.**
9. Willow Avenue/Upper Ridgeway - Acquisition Funding. Update, discussion and possible action regarding outreach efforts and other strategies for raising funds to acquire 2 lots on Willow Ave./Upper Ridgeway that could provide public access to Hawthorne Hills and through Fairfax. Mimi and Ruth presented photos they took during their May 20th site visit of the properties and connected trails and photographed the areas. An October 2010 appraisal is available but a more recent appraisal must be prepared. FOSC will develop and implement a Summer 2012 fundraising/project acquisition outreach plan for neighborhoods in the vicinity of the parcels. **Decision:** FOSC will notify the Town of FOSC's determination that the parcels are a priority acquisition and the potential short timeframe for acquisition prior to the parcels being placed on the market for sale. **Action Item: Jake will create a map of the parcels. Mimi will prepare an informational presentation it to the Town Council about the FOSC having identified the acquisition as a priority in the Town's acquisition of this parcel; Mimi will seek to have the item scheduled for the June 2012 Town Council meeting.**
10. FOSC representation on Tree Committee. Discussion: FOSC needs an alternate member to assure there is a voting quorum at the Committee if/Jake is unable to attend the meetings. Ted is the alternate FOSC member. **Action Item: Jack will confirm with TB his interest in remaining the alternate.**
11. Fairfax General Plan Implementation Committee April 25 Meeting. Jake attended the introductory meeting on April 25. There will be 6 members; a public member position is still open.
12. Governance Subcommittee – Membership Issues. Mimi provided an update and the Subcommittee will continue to investigate the possibility of having staggered terms to avoid having a large number of members' terms end at the same time.
13. Constant Contact. **Item postponed indefinitely.**
14. E-Scrip Cards Updates. **Action Item: Ruth is contacting Good Earth and Fairfax Market representatives.**
15. Napa False Indigo Sightings. **Item postponed indefinitely.**
16. San Anselmo Open Space Committee May 2012 Fundraiser. Ruth, Ted, and Mike attended the event, which included an excellent power point presentation by John Martini.
17. Open time for public expression.