



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL and REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930**  
**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**  
**Special Meeting from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; Regular Meeting Begins at 7:30 p.m.**

**Fairfax Open Space Members:**

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Ray Burgarella, Treasurer/ Charles Cornwell	Jack Judkins, Acting Chair
Lauren Hinxmann	Allie Ross (ex officio youth member)

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1. **FOSC Interview Panel** (Michael Ardito, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn) interviewed youth member applicant Lili Secord.

**Regular Meeting Begins at 7:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Jack Judkins, Acting Chair  
Members present: Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Charles Cornwell, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins (quorum)  
Member absent: Allie Ross, youth member  
Guests: Former FOSC member Helen Fauss; San Anselmo Open Space Co-Chair Jonathan Braun and SAOSC member Brian Crawford; Coldwell Banker realtor Russ Knudsen; Cameron and Rebekah Zahedi.
2. **Approval of FOSC Agenda for May 23, 2017.** Approval of FOSC Minutes from April 25, 2017 was postponed until June meeting.
3. **FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
  - *Update on Ben Ross property:* Mr. Ben Ross  
Mr. Ross was invited to this meeting but apparently reconsidered. FOSC member Lauren Hinxmann was provided the contact information for Mr. Ross to find out his intention with respect to donation of a portion of his property.
  - *Lutheran Church property update* (and potential open space acquisition of back 18 acres). Reportedly, the Marin Community Foundation has provided a \$300,000 grant to the Resources for Community Development that can be used to provide the necessary funds to give Fairfax the back 18 acres of this property as open space.
  - *Wall Property update* (potential open space acquisition). No new information.
4. **Open Time for Public Expressions** (*The public is welcome to address the Committee at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Committee is 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.*) None.

5. **Fairfax parcels for sale adjacent to Sky Ranch open space:** Coldwell Banker realtor Russ Knudsen is working with Mr. Hal Lezzeni to sell parcels of his property on Spring Lane in Fairfax. Mr. Knudsen introduced Cameron and Rebekah Zahedi who are in contract as potential purchasers of the parcel adjacent to Sky Ranch. Interested FOSC and SAOSC members and associates are invited to do a “walk” on the Spring Lane paper road this Sunday, May 28 meeting at Deer Park School parking lot at 8:55 a.m. to carpool to the location to examine access or public easement to the Sky Ranch Open Space.
6. **Updates on Broom Pulls** at Sky Ranch, Jolly Hill, Upper Ridgeway Trail: Lauren Hinxmann. No reports at this time.
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Ray Burgarella. Our current balance is \$19,634.85. This does not include the \$860.94 proceeds from the Eleven benefit concert this month. The total income from the Eleven concert includes a \$420.60 donation from former FOSC Chair Mimi Newton.
8. **Measure A Subcommittee Meeting Results:** Ray Burgarella. FOSC received \$10,000 from Measure A funds.
9. **Reduction of FOSC Membership** – discussion and possible action. This has been postponed to a future meeting after our June outreach opportunities at the Fairfax Festival and Iron Springs Give Back Tuesday.
10. **Acting Chairs for June through September 2017.** Michael Ardito will serve as Acting Chair for June through August. Lauren Hinxmann will serve as Acting Chair for September and October.
11. **Quorum Call for FOSC meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.** We should have five FOSC members to reach a quorum for the next meeting.
12. **Combined meeting in August with San Anselmo Open Space:** Michael Ardito. This combined meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 16 to coincide with the regular meeting of SAOSC. San Anselmo is scheduled to host the combined meeting this year at a location to be determined.
13. **The Eleven Benefit Concert for FOSC on Sunday, May 21, 2017.** As reported above, the proceeds from the Eleven Benefit Concert was \$860.94 which includes a \$420.60 donation from Mimi Newton.
14. **Give Back Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Iron Springs** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito reported this annual benefit is scheduled. FOSC certificates of appreciation to be signed by Mayor John Reed will be prepared for the five recent retiring members and presented that night.
15. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action): Lauren Hinxmann was approved to order a new FOSC banner with the new logo. The estimated cost was \$131.47 from FastSigns and the turn around time should allow us to receive it in advance of the Fairfax Festival. Our website master, Barbara Coler, will be requested to list our Facebook and Twitter accounts on our FOSC website.
16. **FOSC Participation in Fairfax Festival 2017** (discussion and possible action). We were approved by the Park and Recreation Commission to once again use the redwood bench location near the Town Booth at the corner of Bolinas and Elsie Roads for our FOSC information table. Lauren Hinxmann was also approved to order FOSC merchandise of caps and socks as part of our previously approved plans to FOSC member Chris Powers earlier this year.
17. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers.** More coordination is needed to receive coverage of FOSC events in the Fairfax Volunteers newsletter and calendar.
18. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). No new action.

19. **Bay Area Open Space Council annual conference report from May 18, 2017** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito provided a five-page handout which included one-page of highlights from the conference. The FOSC members approved Michael Ardito to submit reimbursement request from the Town of Fairfax FOSC account for his \$200 registration fee.
20. **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 information.
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 new information to report.
22. **FOSC Members Expressions.** None.
23. **Adjournment** was at 9:05 p.m.