



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Jack Judkins -- Acting Chair	Chris Powers
Michael Ardito	Nancy Rogers
Ray Burgarella	Michael Simler
Ruth Horn	Hannah Salaverry (<i>ex officio member</i>)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Jack Judkins, Acting Chair**
Jack Judkins called the meeting to order about 7:40 p.m. Members (quorum) present: Jack Judkins, Michael Ardito, Ruth Horn, Chris Powers, Nancy Rogers, Hannah Salaverry. Members absent: Ray Burgarella, Michael Simler. *This was the final, official FOSC meeting for youth member Hannah Salaverry. Michael Ardito presented Hannah with a FOSC certificate of appreciation for three years of service. The certificate was signed by current Fairfax Mayor Renee Goddard.*
- 2. Approval of Agenda for May 24, 2016 and Minutes from April 26, 2016.** The agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.
- 3. 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.*) None.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Ray Burgarella. In the absence of the treasurer, Jack Judkins volunteered to talk with Fairfax Town Finance Director Michael Vivrette about the annual appropriation to FOSC for operations (\$4, 000?) and whether the remaining balance is rolled over to the FOSC acquisitions account.
- 5. Report on FOSC Budget for 2016-17; Town Council budget workshop on May 20 and Measure A Committee meeting on May 12:** Michael Ardito reported from the Measure A Committee meeting held on May 12, a total of \$10,000 was recommended from Measure A funds for FOSC open space acquisitions in FY 2016-17. Ruth Horn attended the FOSC portion of the Town Budget workshop on May 20.
- 6. Fairfax Town Council meeting on June 1 with interview of Lily Williams as FOSC youth and voting member.** Michael Ardito (FOSC acting chair for June) volunteered to attend the upcoming Town Council meeting when Lily Williams is interviewed. He will inform the Town Council that FOSC interviewed Lily Williams on April 26 and unanimously recommended her for youth membership as well as voting membership to help FOSC meet its quorum.
- 7. FOSC Continuing Business – discussion and possible action on:**
 - Update regarding Wall Property (and potential open space acquisition).** Upon Jack Judkins' recommendation, FOSC will keep lines of communication open regarding open space options.
 - Lutheran Church (and potential open space acquisition of back 18 acres).** Michael Ardito reported that the Marin Open Space Trust expressed interest at the Bay Area Open Space Conference for FOSC to keep MOST apprised of the status of this church property as well as the Wall property about any possibilities to help collaborate for funding to purchase the properties for public open space.
- 8. Update and discussion regarding Ben Ross property:** Jack Judkins summarized in a letter on April 27, 2016 to Linda Neal, principal planner with the Town of Fairfax, regarding the issues and concerns expressed by community guests and FOSC members at the FOSC meeting on April 26 about the application for development of the property at 200 Toyon Drive in Fairfax.

9. **Preparations for Fairfax Town Festival in June and “Give Back Tuesday” on June 21 – discussion and possible action:** Chris Powers volunteered to design a promotional poster for the upcoming Give Back Tuesday fundraising event at Iron Springs. The posters will be placed at various locations including Town Hall, the Town’s booth at the Fairfax Festival and the Manor School environmental outreach booth at the Fairfax Festival managed by teacher Laura Honda. FOSC voted to authorize Chris Powers to spend up to \$400 for updated, logo design (for web, print and merchandise). Michael Ardito volunteered to find and forward to Chris Powers a copy of a recent poster for a FOSC fundraiser at Iron Springs.
10. **Report, discussion and possible action from Bay Area Open Space Conference held May 19:** Michael Ardito provided summary copies of the conference brochure to FOSC members. FOSC voted unanimously to approve Town reimbursement for Michael Ardito’s “early bird” conference reduced registration fee of \$200.
11. **FOSC Subcommittee Reports** (including Tree Committee participation). Michael Ardito reported that last night the Fairfax Tree Committee met for over an hour regarding the “continued agenda item” about the redwood trees at 85 Bolinas Road. A solution may have been reached to replace the damaged retaining wall while saving the redwood trees. Michael Ardito, during Ray’s absence, may need another substitute representative to the Tree Committee sometime later this year.
12. **Confirmation of Acting Chairs** – June, July, August, September, October. Michael Ardito is acting chair for FOSC in June, July and August. Nancy Rogers is acting chair for FOSC in September and possibly October.
13. **Quorum Call for next FOSC meeting on June 28, 2016.** Nancy Rogers will be absent for the next FOSC meeting in June. The other FOSC members present should be available to attend the next meeting.
14. **Proposed combined, special meeting with San Anselmo Open Space in August:** Michael Ardito reported that apparently Fairfax and San Anselmo Open Space Committees have agreed to hold our annual, special combined meeting on Wednesday evening, August 17, the regular meeting date for SAOSC. It is Fairfax’s turn to host the combined meeting and we are proposing to hold it in the Peri Park picnic area and/or at the Fairfax Women’s Club.
15. **Draft FOSC annual report for fiscal year 2015-16:** Michael Ardito postponed this agenda item to the next regular FOSC meeting in June.
16. **Members Expressions.** Ruth Horn asked to agendize reproduction of the Fairfax open space maps for the next meeting. Michael Ardito reported that if there are no new FOSC applications for membership prior to the Town Council meeting in July, he and Ruth will automatically be reappointed via the Council’s Consent Calendar for another term on FOSC.
17. **Adjournment.** Jack Judkins adjourned the meeting about 9:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Ardito, FOSC Co-Secretary, and approved (with a few revisions and typographical errors corrected) at FOSC regular meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.