



**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 7:30 PM

Mimi Newton - Chair

Susan Adams

Ruth Horn

Mia Andler

Jack Judkins- Co Chair

Michael Ardito

Nancy Morita

Ted Bright

Nancy Rogers

Ray Burgarella

Beatrix Berry (*ex officio member*)

Jacob Feickert

Hannah Salaverry (*ex officio member*)

1. Roll Call. Present: Mimi Newton, Susan Adams, Michael Ardito, Ted Bright, Ray Burgarella, Ruth Horn, Nancy Morita, Nancy Rogers, and Hanna Salaverry.
2. Approval of May 2014 Agenda and April 2014 Minutes. Agenda unanimously approved with change of order of items to present Open Time as Item 2.
3. Open Time - Public Expressions. Two public members (Jean Paul Rose and Bill Carey) spoke in favor of preserving open space and public access at “the Wall Property” (Open Space Element inventory’s designated name). They sought suggestions for doing so and inquired about its zoning. One member stated that he and others had met the Town Planner in that regard and that they may set up a neighborhood support group to meet with owner/developer on measures to preserve areas of the Wall Property for open space and public access.
4. Approval of March and April 2014 Minutes. Members who had attended the March meeting approved the March 2014 Minutes unanimously. Approval of the April 2014 Minutes was continued because there was not a quorum of Members in attendance who could vote on the April Minutes.
5. Treasurer’s Report. (Ted) Ted reported that the May benefit concert brought a net income of \$1,354 (\$1,754, cash and checks, less \$400 payment to band). FOSC received notice of the FOSC domain name renewal fee; Nancy Rogers will request a modification of the domain name to an “.org” URL as part of the domain name renewal.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding end of fiscal year report and proposed budget for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Item continued, pending a presentation by Michael Vivrette at a FOSC meeting to discuss Town budget details as precedent to a FOSC budget discussion.
7. Update and Possible Action on Sky Ranch. (Mimi) the Marin Open Space Trust (MOST) has executed a sales agreement with the owners of Sky Ranch to purchase the property for \$1.2M. There is a 90-day deadline (+/-mid-August) to make a partial payment toward the purchase price or forfeit all monies. FOSC created a subcommittee of Michael and Nancy Rogers to coordinate FOSC’s fundraising efforts with MOST and the San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC). Ray moved, Ted seconded, and Members unanimously approved providing a \$4000 budget for fundraising efforts (e.g., fundraising letters).
8. Update regarding The Eleven Benefit. (Mimi, Ruth) Financial report given as part of the Treasurer’s report. FOSC Members discussed focusing next year on outreach/advertising measures to increase attendance.

9. Discussion and possible action re: Fundraising Ideas - Rebels with a Cause (Nancy) and Winter 2014/2015 Otters in Marin Presentation and Mailer. (Mimi) Nancy Morita will contact *Rebels'* filmmakers about use of the film for a FOSC fundraising event, particularly for the Sky Ranch acquisition. Nancy Rogers will contact Fairfax Theater about rental/donation of the space to show the film. The subcommittee will look into combining the event with a wine/cheese fundraising event.
10. Update regarding Fairfax Festival Preparations. (Mimi) The Festival is June 14 – 15, 2014. Members agreed to be in the Fairfax Parade. Mimi will submit a parade application; Mimi, Susan and Hannah agreed to be in the Parade. FOSC will have a booth: Saturday, 11 – 6 p.m., with set-up beforehand; Sunday, 11 – 5 p.m., with breakdown thereafter. Mimi will send a booth sign-up sheet.
11. Update regarding Give Back Tuesday Preparations. (Mike) Michael reported that he will handle press releases for the event. FOSC will focus the fundraising event on the Sky Ranch acquisition. Iron Springs' hours that day are 4:00 – 9:30 p.m.; Susan and Michael will be there to set up @4:00.
12. Update and Possible Action Regarding Drake High T-Shirt Design Contest for FOSC. (Beatrix, Hannah) Hannah will report on t-shirt designs for a 2014 FOSC t-shirt at the June meeting.
13. Update on Identifying Rare Plants/Animals. (Nancy M.) Nancy reported that she attended the open space conference. One idea presented is the "bioblitz:" in which the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) hosts a 1-2 day event with botanists, GPS scientists, and others who conduct an on-site search of a designated area to establish a map of plants and birds, among other environmental elements, with their locations identified by their GPS coordinates.
14. Update on Community Service program for FOSC. (Mimi) Mimi reported that the Town of Fairfax is on the County's list for community service opportunities.
15. Members' Expressions. Susan reported that she brought copies of the August 2013 agenda requesting Members' recollections so that she can prepare the minutes for that meeting. She will finalize the proposed minutes based on those comments.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED unanimously at the Regular Meeting, June 24, 2014

Submitted by Susan Adams, Secretary