



## MINUTES FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 7:30 PM

### OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Mimi Newton - Chair

Michael Ardito	Denise Ferry
Ted Bright	Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler	Jack Judkins
Niccolo Caldararo	Ryan O'Neil – Co-Chair
Helen Fauss	Jane Richardson-Mack

#### 1. Roll call

Present: Mimi, Michael, Barbara, Niccolo, Ruth, Ryan, Jane

2. Approval of minutes for October 28, 2008, February 24, 2009, April 7, 2009 (special meeting regarding Ross property), and April 28, 2009.

3. Discussion about request for shorter turnaround of minutes. There was a motion, which passed, establishing the goal of providing draft minutes within one week after the meeting which would include a summarization of action items. This faster turnaround will allow the FOSC members to do their follow-up action items in a timely manner. \*Mimi will talk with Jack Judkins about taking minutes at the July meeting as the May meeting was cancelled for which he had volunteered in advance to do the minutes.

#### 4. Updates from Subcommittees:

A. Acquisitions Subcommittee – \*Mimi will revise and simplify the status letter to Ben Ross, owner of the Ross property. \*Mimi will ask David Smadbeck to help identify the \$1.2 million property in Fairfax that is reportedly poised to be foreclosed upon. \*The committee voted unanimously to seek the Fairfax Town Council's approval, to be placed on the Council's July 1 agenda, regarding purchase of two lots which may be up for auction as tax delinquent properties. Both are adjacent to or in the middle of other open space or undeveloped land near the Ben Ross property. Simply for payment of back taxes, the Town of Fairfax has the first rights to purchase the lots. Otherwise, the parcels will be auctioned off by the County to the highest bidder. The first parcel number is 003-071-28, owned by Richard Denham, in default since 2002, for sale for \$9,600 and is on Woodland - Toyon roads. The other parcel number is 003-161-07, owned by Evelyn Ford, on Cypress Drive, in default since 2003, for which back taxes owed is \$5,700. The total cost for purchasing these two parcels would be \$15,300. \*Mimi will contact Smadbeck about figuring out the status of any bank liens on those parcels. \*Ryan and Niccolo will visit to review and report back about another parcel, number 003-171-09, the Evelyn David property on .6 acres of land adjacent to the Ben Ross property.

B. Governance Subcommittee – No recent meetings and report. Barbara Coler was assigned to join Mimi, Ted and Ryan on this Subcommittee.

- C. Outreach Subcommittee – No recent meetings and report. Michael Ardito was assigned to join Denny, Jane and Ryan on this Subcommittee.
  - D. Stewardship Subcommittee – No report.
  - E. Fundraising Subcommittee – Report will be separate agenda item under Ecofest report.
  - F. Mapping Subcommittee – A friend of FOSC has been recruited to design a large Fairfax open space map that can be used for outreach activities such as the festivals and picnics.
5. EcoFest Report – Mimi

The FOSC took-in \$742.63 from the two-day Ecofest held as part of the Fairfax Festival on Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14. Reportedly, the FOSC may receive some additional receipts as a portion of the earnings from the beer and wine concessions. The FOSC booth receipts included, over the two days, \$270 from t-shirts; \$82 from cookies; \$10 from sachets; \$108 from peanut butter cups; \$5.00 from sales of Connie Smith Segal's art book; miscellaneous donations of \$178.63; and \$89 in reimbursements expected to be received. \*Discussion of future actions regarding the stock of T-shirts, other fund-raising items and future plans was postponed until another meeting.
  6. Treasurer's Report

\*Mimi will check-in with a couple of last year's guest artists for FOSC / Ecofest to determine if they were paid. If not, Mimi will ask Ted to write and send checks with a short letter of apology.
  7. FOSC Annual Report to Town

\*Mimi will draft, before the July FOSC meeting, an annual report in "bullet format" outlining the key items and fundraising activities for the July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 fiscal year for presentation to the Fairfax Town Council by July 31.
  8. Egger Grove

Mimi reported that the lawsuit continues on the Egger Grove. There is no visitor access now. Mimi will give Ryan the stream morphologist report to help in convincing the Town to take action regarding the concrete retaining wall that fell into the water across from our stream bank.
  9. Update on General Plan Open Space and Conservation Elements

Mimi and Ruth provided a summary of recent meetings attended for the Fairfax General Plan's open space and conservation elements.
  10. General Updates

Mimi reported that Pam Miegs, former FOSC member, was planning to be at this meeting to donate a coffee table book to FOSC.
  11. Open time for public expression

Ryan has a contact for developing the FOSC Web page that can be linked to the Town's Web site. \*Jane will prepare a letter and background information regarding an FOSC July meeting agenda item for updates surrounding the Marin Town and Country Club property.

Action items marked with (\*) were reviewed. Meeting was adjourned.