



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, June 24, 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 (<i>ex officio member</i>)
Jacob Feickert	Hannah Salaverry (<i>ex officio member</i>)

1. Roll Call. Present: Mimi Newton, Jack Judkins, Susan Adams, Michael Ardito, Mia Andler, Ted Bright, Ray Burgarella, Ruth Horn, Nancy Morita, Nancy Rogers, Beatrix Berry, Hanna Salaverry.
2. Approval of June 2014 Agenda; Approval of April 2014 and May 2014 Minutes. Agenda approved unanimously, with moving Item 4 (Report, Update and Possible Action on Sky Ranch) to Item 3 on the Agenda; April 2014 Minutes approved.
3. Update and Possible Action on Sky Ranch. (Michael/Nancy R./Mimi)
 - a. Subcommittee Report – Acquisition fundraising efforts - status/Save the Date: July 17.
 - b. Update and Possible Actions – Approval of fundraising expenses and fundraising projects/SAOSC Meeting/Meeting on June 25. Jonathan Braun, SAOSC, spoke to FOSC. MOST executed a purchase-sale agreement in May for the Sky Ranch parcel, located in San Anselmo (5 acres) and Fairfax (11 acres), which included a 90-day contingency period that ends August 18th with a contingency payment of \$125,000 due. (\$25,000 deposited already - \$15,000 by MOST and \$10,000 by SAOSC). Close of escrow is 270 days, February 2015. MOST will lose the contingency payment if escrow does not close with payment. County (County Parks and Open Space Department) would hold title to the purchased parcel, which would become part of the Bald Hill Preserve. Potential commitments to date: \$105,000 (Fairfax, \$50,000 – Measure A funds; \$55,000 SAOSC, Measure A, 2014-15 funds); \$50,000, Marin Municipal Water District (for fire services’ access and increased public access to its property located adjacent to Sky Ranch); \$12,000, Marin Tamalpais Conservation Club, July 11th vote on whether to donate. MOST is seeking a grant from State Coastal Conservancy. SAOSC has established a fundraising working group for this acquisition. Marin Open Space District has not formally committed funding at this date; July 8th vote on whether to contribute 1/3 appraised value. Future horse ranching and stables uses of the parcel not confirmed yet. Existing road access to private residences is a pending issue. County’s Phase I environmental review began in June (conducted by Parks and Open Space Department).
 - c. Update re: other efforts to identify funding sources. No
4. Treasurer’s Report and Town Budget Workshop Update. (Ted, Mimi) Ted reported that FOSC received \$239.00 at the Fairfax Festival. The proposed budget includes \$4,000 - \$5,000 allocation to FOSC; the Town will consider carrying over to the next fiscal year, the acquisition funds remaining in the 2013 – 2014 budget (\$36,000). There should be a base acquisition fund of \$29,000. The Town added \$50,000 to the budget from Measure A funds to acquisition funds, earmarked for Sky Ranch.
5. Report and Update on Wall Property Neighbors’ Activities. (Mimi)

6. Report - Fairfax Festival. (Mimi) See Treasurer's Report.
7. Report - Give Back Tuesday Event. (Michael) Michael will alert the Town staff to expect the Iron Springs donation from Give Back Tuesday and apply it to FOSC.
8. Update, Discussion and Possible Action re: Fundraising Ideas (Other than Sky Ranch) (Nancy R., Nancy M., Mimi, Mia)
 - a. Rebels with a Cause. Status report and actions to approve event. Nancy Morita reported that she spoke with film producer and will submit request to rent/use for a fundraising event. Nancy Rogers reported that she spoke with Fairfax Theatre representative; the Theatre will allow FOSC free use of the Theatre for a Monday night in Fall, 2014.
 - b. Winter 2014/2015 Otters in Marin Presentation and Mailer. Continued to next meeting.
 - c. Town-wide Picnic. Save the Date – September 14, 2014.
 - d. Discussion – Next Year – Concert: outreach/fundraising efforts and ideas. Item continued to next meeting.
 - e. July 17 Concert –19 Broadway Fundraiser. Nancy Rogers reported that date and event is set. Michael, Jack and Susan will be available. FOSC will coordinate with the Town Council posting on the Town website the fundraiser and will speak at the July 2nd and July 16th Town Council's open expression.
 - f. Discussion. FOSC discussed the possibility of crowd sourcing as a fundraising tool for Sky Ranch acquisition. Hannah, Beatrix and Mimi will look into how to conduct crowd sourcing.
9. Report and Possible Action regarding offer of steps at Upper Ridgeway Trailhead. (Ruth) Ruth agreed to contact John Reed on behalf of Fairfax Volunteers and Town's Mark Lockaby about arranging for construction of steps at the parcel.
10. Report and Possible Action - FOSC Domain Name Renewal. (Nancy R.) Nancy reported that the charge for renewal and name change is \$15.00, via Media Temple and an address with .org is available. Wayne Ingraham created the FOSC's website. FOSC approved unanimously to apply for a name change with “.org” address.
11. Update and Possible Action Regarding T-Shirt Design for FOSC. (Beatrix, Hannah) Hanna and Beatrix will finalize designs for FOSC selection. The base price for a t-shirt will be approximately \$7.00.
12. Update and Possible Action Regarding Mail Chimp (Beatrix) Donors list has been prepared. Hannah and Beatrix created Mail Chimp and are finalizing how to send donation e-mails to Mail Chimp. FOSC will ask Fairfax Volunteers to add their e-mail list to the Mail Chimp list.
13. Update and Possible Action Regarding Housing Element and implications for Open Space (Mimi) There will be a special Town Council meeting on July 12th to present and take comments on the General Plan and its Housing Element.
14. Open Time - Public Expressions. None.
15. Members' Expressions. Jack and Ruth reported that tax-default properties taken by the County are listed annually and that Towns have the first opportunity to acquire those parcels for the cost of unpaid taxes and fines. The deadline to notify the County is July 15. There are undeveloped parcels that may be of interest: 003-052-20 (Cascade area) and 001-191-16 (cost, \$19,500).

Next Meeting: July 22, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Adams