



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 7:30 PM

Mimi Newton - Chair

Susan Adams	Ted Bright
Mia Andler	Jacob Feickert
Michael Ardito	Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler	Jack Judkins- Co Chair

1. Roll Call. In attendance: Mimi Newton (MN), Susan Adams (SA), Mia Andler (MIA), Michael Ardito (MA), Jacob Feickert (JF), Ruth Horn (RH). (Note that Jolie Egert has resigned from the Committee.) A member of the public, Bob Cahn, attended also.
2. Approval of June 2012 Agenda and May 2012 Minutes. Unanimous approval of June 2012 Agenda and May 2012 Minutes (in one motion).
3. Update, Discussion and Possible Action - Acquisition of Upper Ridgeway Parcels. (Ruth, Mimi)
Update: Mimi has prepared Upper Ridgeway acquisition information flyers to distribute to neighbors of the parcels and others. She distributed flyers to Committee members. Barbara and Mimi walked a portion of the neighborhood the previous weekend, leaving flyers at residences and requesting donations for the acquisition. Issues and Next Steps: Place item on July 11, 2012 Town Council Agenda, if possible. Obtain appraisal; seek donations through residential canvassing and requests to organizations and agencies; identify the habitat of the parcels (e.g., birds and flora); and investigate potential liability to Town (e.g., fire, tree diseases requiring tree removal). **Action Items: Jake will contact Ray Moritz for tree inspection; Ruth will contact Semple Appraisal Company (that prepared previous appraisal); Susan will contact State Coastal Conservancy, Tides Center, and the Marin Community Foundation about donations; Jake will contact Marin Open Space Trust and Marin County Open Space about donations; Jake, Michael, Mimi and Ruth will canvas the Upper Ridgeway neighborhood for donations.**
4. Update on the Fairfax Festival and FOSC Participation, (Mimi)
FOSC received \$194.00 in sales and donations at the June 2012 Fairfax Festival.
5. Update on the Iron Springs Give Back Tuesday Fundraiser. (Mimi, Michael)
Discussion: FOSC received a total of \$988.00 from the June event, \$460.00 from Iron Springs and \$230.00 from Marin Produce Company. Ruth collected \$298.00 in cash from sales and donations. Scheduling the Fundraiser on the Tuesday following the Fairfax Festival seemed particularly successful. Iron Springs does not schedule a fundraising date a year in advance. **Next Steps/Action Items: Michael will send a thank you card to Marin Produce Company. Ruth will deposit the cash with the Town Finance Director. Next year, Michael will request the same Give Back Tuesday following the Fairfax Festival next year.**
6. Finance Report – Reconciliation of Funds. (Jack)
Mimi reported that at its June meeting, the Town Council approved the Town's 2012-2013 budget. The Council approved the proposed FOSC budget, with the exception of \$160.00 for Constant Contact. **Next Steps/Action Items: Jack is still working to reconcile the FOSC's**

finances (\$5,000 difference). Mimi and Jack will present a FOSC proposal to the Town that it carry over FOSC's unexpended funds from its previous fiscal year budget to FOSC's next fiscal year budget.

7. Update – Ordinance - Town Manager authorization of “emergency” real property expenditures. (Jack)
Continued Item to next meeting.
8. Update - Open Space Signage - Proposed Amendments to Municipal Code, Ch. 12.36.(Jack)
Continued Item to next meeting.
9. Update - Court donation, APN 001-022-04, preparation of title report and review by Town Council. (Jack)
Continued Item to next meeting.
10. Update on Acquisition - Pine and Cypress Streets Parcel. (Acquisitions Sub-Committee)
Continued Item to next meeting.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding FOSC representation on Tree Committee. (Jake)
FOSC will remain on the Tree Committee; Jake is the FOSC representative. Ted and Mimi will be the alternates; the Town Council does not need to appoint alternates to a Tree Committee's FOSC representatives.
12. Update - General Plan Implementation Committee (GPIC). (Jake)
Jake reported that the GPIC will be preparing and editing the priorities list of first year tasks. At the GPIC meeting on July 12, a neighbor group will present suggestions.
13. Update – FOSC Member Terms – Filling Vacancies. (Governance Subcommittee)
FOSC members agreed and will support that Committee member appointments are for terms of four years, commencing upon appointment or reappointment by the Council, whether or not the member is filling a vacancy with an unexpired term. **Action Item: Mimi will work with Judy Anderson to draft a resolution to present to the Town Council requesting this modification to the terms of members filling FOSC vacancies.**
14. Update – FOSC Member Contact List. (Michael)
Michael is completing the Contact List.
15. Updates - E-Scrip Cards for FOSC – Fairfax Market and Good Earth. (Mimi, Ruth)
Continued Item to next meeting.
16. Open time for public expression.
 - Member comments: Mimi noted that the Marin IJ reported that George Lucas has donated a parcel in downtown San Anselmo to the town's Chamber of Commerce for a park in which a Star Wars statue will be erected. Mimi noted that on June 28, at 1:30 p.m., the County will discuss use of funds for open space; no one appeared able to attend the mid-day meeting; she may write a letter in support of the program. Mimi reported that during the Fairfax Festival, someone reported to her that a court had ordered the Wall property heirs to sell the property to resolve a pending dispute about its future use.
 - Members agreed to add to the next meeting's agenda an update on the “Gloria Duncan Preserve (Olema).