



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Acting Chair	Lauren Hinxmann
Ray Burgarella, Treasurer	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Charles Cornwell	Jack Judkins

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Michael Ardito, Acting Chair
Members present: Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Charles Cornwell, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins (quorum).
Member absent: Lauren Hinxmann
2. **Approval of Agenda for June 27, 2017 and Minutes from April 25, 2017 and May 23, 2017.** The agenda and the minutes were approved with a revision to the update about the Ben Ross property at the FOSC meeting on May 23.
3. **FOSC Continuing Business – discussion and possible action on:**
 - *Lutheran Church property update* (and open space acquisition of back 18 acres). No updates.
 - *Wall Property update* (potential open space acquisition). Jack Judkins estimated that it will take six months or longer for approval of a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) environmental impacts report with the seasonal traffic study methodology for development at the Wall property.
 - *Spring Lane parcels adjacent to Sky Ranch in Fairfax.* Michael Ardito reported he received an email from realtor Russ Knudsen. In a nutshell, during the due diligence period, both potential buyers of parcels decided it was going to be too expensive to develop at those locations.
4. **Open Time for Public Expressions** (*The public is welcome to address the Committee at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Committee is 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.*)
Two guests attending the meeting, prospective applicants as FOSC members, introduced themselves: Susan Pascal Beran and Chance Cutrano.
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Ray Burgarella. We received a \$20 cash donation at the FOSC Give Back Tuesday on June 20 at Iron Springs. We also received \$56 from FOSC merchandise sales and donations at the Fairfax Festival on June 10-11.
6. **Fairfax Festival and Give Back Tuesday 2017 (reports).** Please see above for receipts. In about a month, we will also receive 10 percent of the proceeds from Iron Springs. There was a good turnout of FOSC supporters on June 20 as well as a coincidence that the local Little League All-Stars celebration dinner was being held there the same night.
7. **Vacant parcel at 1 Olema Road and Sir Francis Drake Blvd. adjacent to Buon Gusto property** (discussion and possible action). FOSC was requested by the Fairfax Planning

Department to provide any comments by July 5. FOSC discussed and considered the proposed development at 1 Olema. There was one possible concern: the potential location of Bothin Creek, which is shown on some maps as being on or near the property, but was not visible from the areas of the property that were accessible to our committee members. If there is a creek which crosses the property, we would express a concern that the development respect this natural resource and not materially affect it.

8. **Reduction of FOSC Membership – discussion and possible action.** Due to recent interest from potential applicants and the possibility of filling all nine FOSC seats, the proposal to reduce membership was dropped.
9. **Acting Chairs for July through October 2017.** Michael Ardito has volunteered to serve as Acting Chair for July and August. Previously, Lauren Hinxmann volunteered to serve as Acting Chair for September and October.
10. **Quorum Call for FOSC meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.** If two FOSC applicants are interviewed and approved at the next Fairfax Town Council meeting in July, we may have a quorum for the next regular FOSC meeting on July 25.
11. **Combined meeting in August with San Anselmo Open Space:** Michael Ardito reported that the annual combined meeting will be hosted this year by the San Anselmo Open Space Committee on Wednesday evening, August 16. More details will become available as we get closer to the date.
12. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action). More discussion about use of social media and applications such as Instagram will resume when FOSC member Lauren Hinxmann returns from travel.
13. **FOSC Participation in Fairfax Town Picnic 2017** (discussion and possible action). This will be an agenda item for the August FOSC meeting to further discuss outreach and merchandise strategy for the annual Fairfax Town Picnic on Sunday afternoon, September 17 from noon to 5 p.m.
14. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers.** Michael Ardito realized that he usually can not attend the monthly Fairfax Volunteers meetings as a liaison because the Fairfax Tree Committee meets on the same night (fourth Monday of the month). FOSC member applicant Chance Cutrano expressed interest in serving as a FOSC liaison to the Fairfax Volunteers.
15. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). This was postponed to future meetings.
16. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; the General Plan Implementation Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals). Ray Burgarella reported that the Fairfax General Plan Implementation Committee is being disbanded so this item will be eliminated from future FOSC agendas.
17. **Reports of activities from partner agencies:** San Anselmo Open Space Committee; Bay Area Open Space Council; Marin Open Space Commission; Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee: FOSC representatives. Michael Ardito reported that the Marin Parks and Open Space has monthly, almost weekly volunteer opportunities. He encouraged FOSC participation in the upcoming broom pull at White Hill Trail on Saturday morning, July 8. He also plans to volunteer on July 5 at the annual Marin Civic Center fairgrounds litter pick-up after the five-day Marin County Fair.
18. **FOSC Members Expressions.** None.
19. **Adjournment** was at 8:57 p.m.