



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito -- Acting Chair	Chris Powers
Ray Burgarella	Nancy Rogers
Jack Judkins	Michael Simler
Ruth Horn	Lily Williams (<i>ex officio member</i>)

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call: Michael Ardito, Acting Chair**
Michael Ardito called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m.
Members (quorum) present: Michael Ardito, Jack Judkins, Ruth Horn, Chris Powers, Michael Simler
Members absent: Ray Burgarella, Nancy Rogers, Lily Williams
2. **Approval of Agenda for June 28, 2016 and Minutes from May 24, 2016**
The agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved. The minutes from May 24, 2016 were approved with the correction of two typographical errors and one sentence deleted.
3. **Open Time for Public Expressions** (*The public is welcome to address the Committees at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Committees are 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.*)
None.
4. **Welcome to Lily Williams, FOSC youth and ex officio member**
Postponed until the next meeting when Lily was scheduled to appear for her first meeting.
5. **Treasurer's Report and FOSC Budget for 2016-17:** Ray Burgarella
Postponed until Ray's return.
6. **FOSC Continuing Business – discussion and possible action on:**
 - **Update regarding Wall Property (and potential open space acquisition)**
No new information.
 - **Lutheran Church (and potential open space acquisition of back 18 acres)**
Jack Judkins provided a printout of the architectural renderings for the proposed 54 affordable apartments for senior citizens that FOSC may review and provide comments to the Fairfax Planning Department. FOSC members will have an opportunity to visit the site and provide comments after the next FOSC meeting on July 26.
 - **Auction Properties Update**
Ruth Horn and Jack Judkins reported that FOSC did not yet receive the annual notice from the County Tax Collector's office regarding the auction of tax-defaulted property that is typically received by June 30 each year. Ruth Horn volunteered to follow-up.
7. **Update on Fairfax Town Center Plan Special Workshops**
Michael Ardito shared a copy of the Town Center Plan workbook that was discussed at the June 14 workshop. The next workshop was scheduled for Saturday, August 6. Ardito also distributed to FOSC members copies of the Marin Independent Journal column by Dick Spotswood on Sunday, June 26, 2016 that partially explains what the "by right" proposed state legislation means for residential housing development.
8. **Update and discussion regarding 615 Oak Manor Drive property:** Jack Judkins indicated that FOSC received a copy of the Fairfax Planning Department staff report on this property at 615 Oak Manor Drive (formerly known as the Patrice Phillips property). The development was approved by the Planning Commission recently under the condition that FOSC was able to review and provide comments about any concerns. This item is to be put on the agenda for the July meeting of FOSC. Judkins reported that the current property owner, Mr. Robert Schwartz, is planning to attend our next meeting to answer any questions. In the meantime, Judkins will request that FOSC be provided with maps of the property.

9. **Update of General Plan Inventory of Priority Open Space Properties to include all ABAG-approved “Priority Conservation Areas” (discussion and possible action):** Jack Judkins postponed this agenda item for a FOSC meeting in the near future.
10. **Reproduction of Fairfax Open Space maps (discussion and possible action):** Ruth Horn had Avatar business center make laminated copies again of the open space maps for new FOSC members. Avatar will bill the Town of Fairfax. Ruth will find out the total cost and let FOSC know.
11. **Information about Habitat Conservation Grant Application Workshop:** Michael Ardito will re-send out the email to FOSC members regarding the notice the Town of Fairfax received about this state grant opportunity. Michael Simler volunteered to explore what this grant opportunity is all about and find out what state agency is administering this program. Grant applications are due October 3, 2016.
12. **Follow-up to Give Back Tuesday and overall outreach strategies**
Ruth Horn reported that a \$20 cash donation to FOSC was received at the Iron Springs fundraiser on June 21 beyond the restaurant’s proceeds still to be received. Chris Powers will continue to work with someone to upgrade our FOSC logo (identify design package) to be used for web, print and merchandise.
13. **FOSC Subcommittee Reports (including Tree Committee participation)**
No reports other than Ardito will follow-up with the FOSC webmasters about the location of the FOSC Subcommittee assignments on the FOSC web page.
14. **Quorum Call for next FOSC meeting on July 26, 2016**
Apparently we will have enough FOSC members present to meet our quorum on July 26.
15. **Proposed combined, special meeting with San Anselmo Open Space for August 17:** Michael Ardito reported that our annual combined meeting with San Anselmo Open Space will be hosted by Fairfax this year and be held on Wednesday evening, August 17 at the Fairfax Women’s Club. The meeting will start with a potluck dinner.
16. **Draft FOSC annual report for fiscal year 2015-16:** Michael Ardito is working on the draft and hopes to have it finalized by our August 17 meeting.
17. **Members Expressions**
FOSC will continue to explore whether our official voting membership should be lowered to seven members by the Town Council so a quorum of only four would be required.
18. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.