



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax
July 22, 2008, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

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

1. Roll call: Mimi Newton, Ted Bright, Barbara Coler, Denise Ferry Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Ryan O'Neil, Jane Richardson-Mack

Guests: Bill Long and John Lydecker of MOST (Marin Open Space Trust)

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of minutes of June 24, 2008

4. Introduction and discussion with members of Marin Open Space Trust (MOST) (Bill Long, John Lydecker) regarding properties we can work together to acquire.

The guests explained that in the 1970's, the voters created a fund to acquire open space. However, Prop 13 in the late 70's changed this and the District receives 1/2 of the projected funds. The best way to raise these lacking funds is through a private land trust and so MOST is being created.

Liability issues discussed. Other agencies have faced these issues and come up with solutions. An endowment fund could be set up to address landslide issues. Bay Area Ridge Trail Council could be helpful with information. Previous geotechnical report would also be useful.

5. Discussion regarding Ian Roth's proposal to assist in the preparation of grant application(s) – We thank Ian for his offer. At this time, however, we are still exploring what options are available to us.

6. Discussion and action: Frank Egger Redwood Grove

A. Access issues – update on Town Council meeting re: response to Berg letter – Mimi Newton

B. Signage and dedication – Denise Ferry

C. Update: Council to adopt resolution putting funds relating to Egger Grove in Open Space Fund (~\$29k)

6. Discussion: Ridgeline Ordinance and map – Mimi Newton

7. Update: The Wall Property

- A. Letters to Hal Brown, Jared Huffman, San Anselmo (urban green zone) – Mimi Newton
- B. ABAG – Mimi Newton

8. Discussion and Action: Cascade Canyon Preserve – County management and EIR proposed change (shared use trails) – follow up to email from Linda Novi; possible letter to District from FOOSC and Council – Mimi Newton

9. Treasurer's Report: Ted Bright – Current account has balance of \$8037.38. Recent activity: \$4411.00 transferred from Town of Fairfax Open Space account. This includes the \$1000 due the Committee for the newsletter. The remaining \$5645.23 of the \$9056.23 previously in the Town account is designated for the Wall Property. For September meeting we will agendaize where to put our money.

10. Final Tally of Sales from Eco Fest (art, wine, t-shirts) – Mimi Newton

11. August 20 joint meeting with San Anselmo Open Space Committee – Motion made, seconded, passed – We will have the joint meeting pot luck picnic at 7pm on the grounds of Robson Harrington Park, San Anselmo.

12. Officer selection – We will keep the same slate of officers.

13. Subcommittee reports:

- A. Acquisition – Moving along with 3-stop tour, photos, grant writing. No word yet in response to Wall Property letter.
- B. Fundraising – Mimi Newton
 - 1) Discussion – August 9 Good Festival – t-shirt sales – Jack, Barbara, Jane, Mimi, and Ruth will man the table.
 - 2) Discussion – Possibility of Joe Breeze Bicycle Raffle
 - 3) Update: Frame-a-View with town artist-in-residence – Ryan is identifying views. Jane will meet with Shoshana.
 - 4) Outreach materials to use when canvassing Wall and Ross Properties' neighbors
 - 5) Signage re: Funds Raised So Far -- continue to September meeting
 - 6) Jack handed out raffle tickets for the quilt created by Laura Honda's class. \$1.00 for 1 ticket and \$5.00 for 6 tickets.
- C. Governance
- D. Public Outreach
- E. Stewardship

14. Update: Community service – supervision – where, when, what – Ryan, Ruth, and Mimi will discuss this further.

15. Update: General Plan: Conservation and Open Space Elements – Mimi Newton -- continue to September meeting.

16. Update: Scanning of Maps – Denny is continuing with this project.

17. Open time for public expression