



**MINUTES**  
**FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, July 22, 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. Mimi Newton, Jack Judkins, Susan Adams, Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Ted Bright, Ruth Horn, Nancy Rogers, and Hanna Salaverry; Mia Andler and Nancy Morita arrived following presentation of Sky Ranch and Agenda approval.
2. Approval of July 2014 Agenda; Approval of June 2014 Minutes. Approved unanimously with the change to the order of items on Agenda.
3. Report, Update and Possible Action on Sky Ranch. (Michael/Nancy R./Mimi)
  - a. Status report – Jonathan Braun (San Anselmo Open Space Committee) attended the meeting and provided a report to FOSC at the Subcommittee’s request. MOST is in contract to purchase Sky Ranch. The close of escrow is in February 2015.
    - i. There is a potential \$1,047,000 of funds towards the acquisition as of this date:
      1. \$517,000 secured donations (including \$100,518 SAOSC; \$100,000 California Wildlife Foundation).
      2. \$530,000 potential governmental grants (including Coastal Conservancy grant – application may be considered at December 2014 meeting; County Board of Supervisors – County policy to pay 1/3 of appraised value [currently, \$975,000; County is undertaking a new appraisal and undertaking geotechnical review]).
    - ii. Other potential sources: SAOSC is meeting with potential individual donors in July.
    - iii. A \$125,000 partial payment is due August 18<sup>th</sup>. MOST will decide whether to pursue the sale and next payment even if all funds are not secured; MOST loses all prior payments if purchase and sale does not occur by close of escrow. MOST would meet with owners at end of this week’s meeting.
    - iv. Additional Project costs: Closing costs (amount not finalized yet); easement to Scenic Avenue; Phase I environmental review (Jonathan reported that site received “clean bill of health, no hazardous waste; geotechnical review (being conducted by County); post-acquisition site restoration costs.
    - v. SAOSC will install a Save Sky Ranch sign on the Mt. Tam Theatre marquee (August 1 – 15) and a fundraising thermometer at Cooke Recreational Center.
    - vi. Other steps: mailers sent by MOST, FOSC and SAOSC; letters to editors.
  - b. Subcommittee Report on Fundraiser with Olive and the Dirty Martinis at 19 Broadway. FOSC received \$3,675 in donations. Possible outstanding cost, \$250.00 19 Broadway sound production. FOSC voted unanimously to pay outstanding costs, if any, owed to 19 Broadway.
4. Explanation of Budget (Mimi). Item continued to next meeting.

5. Update, Discussion and Possible Action re: Fundraising Ideas (Other than Sky Ranch) (Nancy R., Nancy M., Mimi, Mia). Item continued to a later meeting.
6. Update and Possible Action Regarding Housing Element and implications for Open Space (Mimi) See GPIC discussion below.
7. Report: Patrice Phillips-Owned Parcel. (Jack) Jack reported that he will investigate this 50-acre parcel for acquisition. A question arose about the use of tax assessment districts to raise funds. FOSC discussed having the town hold a public workshop on tax assessment districts, including how to create them.
8. Report re: Wall Property Neighbors' Activities (Mimi) Item continued.
9. GPIC - Report and request for GPIC Alternate. (Mimi)
  - a. Mimi reported that on July 2<sup>nd</sup> the Town Council voted to repeal Ordinance 778; the required second reading is August 6<sup>th</sup> and will take effect 30 days thereafter.. There will be a special public meeting on July 24 at the Women's Club at 3 p.m. of the Council, the Planning Commission and GPIC to discuss the Ordinance. One of the stated purposes of the repeal is to correct errors and inconsistencies in and between the General Plan and Zoning Map; for example, the Wall Property and Sky Ranch are listed in the General Plan as having higher residential density than is designated in the Zoning Map.
  - b. Mimi has requested that a member replace her as the GPIC alternate. GPIC meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month.
10. Report and Possible Action - FOSC Domain Name Renewal. (Mimi).
  - a. Nancy reported that a domain name purchase is \$150 – 180 annual cost. FOSC voted to purchase a "FOSC.org" domain name and retain the FOSC.com domain name.
  - b. Mia reported she will investigate crowd funding. She stated that an organization can register as a .com entity; it appears that nonprofits and political campaigns cannot crowd fund. Crowd funding as a fundraising tool will be placed on the September Agenda.
11. Update and Possible Action Regarding T-Shirt Design for FOSC. (Beatrix, Hannah, Mimi) Hannah presented the potential costs for t-shirts, up to 4 colors, and clip art/text box (with company's art/text or FOSC's as \$5.46 - 9.00 per shirt and shipping. FOSC authorized up to \$600.00 expenditure for 100 t-shirts in sizes small, medium, large and extra large. Hannah will prepare designs and work with Jack and Ray to finalize this project.
12. Treasurer's Report. (Ted).
  - a. Ted reported that FOSC received \$490.00 (donations) from the Iron Springs' June fundraiser.
  - b. FOSC agreed to request the County to allocate the entire Measure A allocation to the Sky Ranch acquisition County at a December 2014 meeting.
13. Update and Possible Action Regarding Mail Chimp (Beatrix, Mimi). Item continued.
14. Report re: discussions with Town re: offer of steps at Upper Ridgeway Dr, among other trailheads. (Mimi)
  - a. John Reed attended and reported that his group had finished steps to Egger's Grove. He expressed interest on behalf of his group to install steps at the Upper Ridgeway trail.
  - b. FOSC noted donations from Supervisor Rice, Councilmember Reed, MOST (Bill Long).

15. Open Time - Public Expressions. Members of the public who attended: Frank Eggers attended and submitted a donation of \$500.00 to FOOSC. Rick Cerick attended the meeting and spoke of his interest in becoming a member of FOOSC.
16. Members' Expressions. Michael noted that there is an exhibit of historical Fairfax photographs on the second floor of Fairfax Lumber. Michael reported that volunteers to pick up trash are needed and welcome at the annual Marin County Fair; something to consider next year. Ruth reported that this is the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FOOSC's inaugural meeting; Ted and she were founding members.

Next Meeting: August 26, 2014, 7:30 p.m.