



## MINUTES

### FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, July 23, 2013, 7:30 PM

Mimi Newton - Chair

Susan Adams

Jacob Feickert

Mia Andler

Ruth Horn

Michael Ardito

Jack Judkins- Co Chair

Ted Bright

Nancy Rogers

1. Member's Present: Ruth Horn, Mike Ardito, Ted Bright, Jake Feickert, Jack Judkins, Mia Andler, & Mimi Newton.

Members of the Public Present: Michael Rosenthal, Frank Egger, Jessica Green, Myron Walters, Barbara Coler, Lou Vaccaro, & Augie Garcia.

2. FOSC approved the July 2013 Agenda and May 2013, June 15, 2013 and June 19, 2013 Minutes.
3. Michael Rosenthal presented his idea for a fundraiser involving a Fairfax Treasure Hunt. FOSC members voted to work with the Fairfax Volunteers to present a Treasure Hunt fundraiser at the Fairfax Picnic in September. Ruth, Mimi, Jake and Mia volunteered to work on an organizing Subcommittee for the Treasure Hunt and Jack agreed to solicit donations for prizes to the winners.
4. Frank Egger introduced Lou Vaccaro to the FOSC. Mr. Vaccaro provided background information and his opinions regarding the Marin County Public Works Flood Control proposals, including proposals to dredge Phoenix Lake, and to turn Memorial Park in San Anselmo and Lefty Gomez field in Fairfax into detention basins. A lively discussion ensued regarding a variety of issues, concerns, and potential solutions. Mr. Vaccaro recommends removing creek structures and obstacles as an alternative to the proposed detention basins.
5. Myron Walters and Jessica Green voiced their concerns regarding the disposition of the Wall Property. They each encourage the FOSC to take action to help preserve the property. Jessica encouraged FOSC to generate more publicity about the property and its status. Augie Garcia recommended we work with Rudy Contratti to put on a concert fundraiser. A FOSC Subcommittee to look into options and possible actions for FOSC and/or the Town with respect to the Wall Property was formed, to include – at least initially -- Mimi, Ruth and Jack.
6. The Treasurer confirmed that the FOSC Bank of America account funds had been transferred to the Town's Open Space funds.
7. Jack reported on our progress to acquire the Upper Ridgeway parcels from Mr. Reid. All systems are go!
8. Michael reported on the outcome of the 415 Mile Race/Walk that was held on July 21. A discussion ensued regarding possible future 415 Races, possible future Mountain Bike races, and possible future races to be held with San Anselmo.

9. Mimi reported on the submittal of a Priority Conservation Area Grant Application and the outcome (we are not within the Priority Conservation Area).
10. Jake provided information about work being performed by the General Plan Implementation Committee. He committed to sending FOSC members a matrix depicting our General Plan obligations and the power point for the presentation he was going to provide at the June FOSC meeting. Jake encourages FOSC to undertake more coordination and planning with the Volunteers and the GPIC. Jake recommends that FOSC begin working with Larry Kennings and Assocs. on the development of the Open Space Inventory for the General Plan. Jake provided information regarding the Carbon Action Plan for the Town.
11. A discussion regarding possible disposition of Measure A funds for Fairfax was had. FOSC voted to make a pre-emptive bid for the funds this year to help pay back our Open Space acquisition funds in light of the upcoming purchase of the Upper Ridgeway Trail parcels. FOSC will raise the issue with Councilman Larry Bragman.
12. General Plan Notice letters were transmitted by the Town to the owners of the parcels listed in the General Plan Open Space inventory. Mimi agreed to follow up with the Town Manager on ensuring that owner addresses were available for each property on the inventory.
13. A brief discussion was had regarding Sky Ranch, a 23 acre horse ranch in Fairfax, being put on the market.
14. A brief discussion was had and there was unanimous support in favor of holding a Joint Meeting with the San Anselmo Open Space Committee in September.
15. Michael requested that we agendaize for next month a vote on a student leadership position on FOSC for a Drake High student.