



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, July 24, 2012, 7:30 PM

Mimi Newton - Chair

Susan Adams	Ted Bright
Mia Andler	Jacob Feickert
Michael Ardito	Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler	Jack Judkins- Co Chair

1. Roll Call. In attendance: Mimi Newton, Susan Adams, Mia Andler, Michael Ardito, Ted Bright, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins.
2. Approval of July 2012 Agenda and June 2012 Minutes. Unanimous approval of Agenda with amendment to move Item 3 (Upper Ridgeway) to last item on agenda and July 2012 Minutes with specification that public member who attended the July meeting was Bob Cahn.
3. Finance Report – Reconciliation of Funds. (Jack) Jack has been working with Michael Vivrette to identify and reconcile the difference (approximately \$3,800 +) in FOSC’s finances. Mr. Vivrette agreed to recommend to the Town Council to transfer the funds to FOSC’s 2012-2012 budget if he cannot reconcile the FOSC account.
4. Update – Ordinance - Town Manager authorization of “emergency” real property expenditures. (Jack) This matter is postponed indefinitely. Jack will place the matter on the FOSC agenda when the matter is timely.
5. Update - Open Space Signage - Proposed Amendments to Municipal Code, Ch. 12.36. (Jack) Jack made the suggested changes to the draft ordinance. Matter for adoption by Council.
6. Update - Court donation, APN 001-022-04, preparation of title report and review by Town Council. (Jack) By e-mail dated July 23rd, Elena Court agreed to pay all outstanding fees due.
7. Update on Acquisition - Pine and Cypress Streets Parcel. (Acquisitions Sub-Committee) Parcels are for sale. Jack visited the site.
8. Update – Gloria Duncan Preserve. (Acquisitions Sub-Committee) Matter deferred; there are no outstanding issues to agendaize at this time.
9. Update - General Plan Implementation Committee (GPIC). (Jake) Item: First year Priorities List is continued to next meeting.
10. Update – FOSC Member Contact List. (Michael) Michael updated and re-circulated the Contacts List.
11. Updates - E-Scrip Cards for FOSC – Fairfax Market and Good Earth. (Mimi, Ruth) Ruth’s name will be removed from this Agenda Item.

12. Open time for public expression. Ruth noted that Triangle Park area was listed in 1907 as Town-owned land. Jack will forward property and title information concerning the “Wall” property. Michael will look into having a “Give back Tuesday” at Deer park Villa. Mimi noted that Marin County is still on track to support a November ballot measure for a County tax to acquire and hold open space and parks. Hearing on matter – August 7th @10:30 a.m. The town Council approved FOSC/Town Budget for 2012-2013. Town Picnic is September 16, 2012 – we may want a FOSC presence at the event.

13. Update, Discussion and Possible Action - Acquisition of Upper Ridgeway Parcels. (Ruth, Mimi)

- a. Canvassing/fundraising: Michael and Mimi received pledges of \$70.00 (\$50 & \$20). Ted will confirm whether funds received; Mimi will request that Susan Waters notify her if/when pledges arrive (if have not arrived already). Mimi stated there is possible financial support from Supervisor Rice’s office; Supervisor Rice will discuss property acquisition with Marin County Open Space. Mimi is preparing request letters to potential donors (entertainment and political industries).
- b. Title Report – Town Council agreed to have a title report prepared (and paid for by Town).
- c. Appraisal: Semple agreed to prepare an update of earlier appraisal prepared by Betty baker. Susan has contacted more than half-dozen appraisers; located two land appraisers. FOSC will not proceed to obtain appraisal until, at the earliest, Council confirms its support for acquisition.
- d. Tree List: Ruth will request Ray Moritz to prepare a trees List of Upper Ridgeway parcels.
- e. Grants: Susan will continue to investigate possible grant funding sources; she will contact Moore Foundation... Jake spoke with Marin Open Space trust (James Raves) about hiking the area. Mimi invited MOST (Bill Long) and Ralph Mihan on a hike of the area.
- f. Next Steps: (a) Check status of title report; (b) Jack will pursue negotiations with landowner; may contact Dave Smadbeck; (c) obtain Town Council’s support to proceed toward acquisition of parcel.
- g. Action Taken: Moved, seconded and approved unanimously that FOSC recommend to the Town Council to authorize FOSC to negotiate acquisition of the parcel.