



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL and REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
**46 Park Road / Women's Club, Fairfax, CA 94930**  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2016**

**Fairfax Open Space Members:**

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

**SPECIAL MEETING: 7 to 7:30 p.m.**

***Interview of youth member candidate: Allie Ross***

The FOSC interview panel (Michael Ardito, Jack Judkins, Ruth Horn, Nancy Rogers and Lily Williams) convened to interview Allie Ross using a list of questions developed several years ago specifically for youth members for their experience of being interviewed in preparation for college and career. The next step is for Allie Ross to be interviewed by the Fairfax Town Council for appointment to FOSC.

**REGULAR MEETING: Began about 7:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Michael Ardito, Acting Chair  
The meeting was called to order.  
All members were present: Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Jack Judkins, Ruth Horn, Chris Powers, Nancy Rogers, Michael Simler and Lily Williams. Self-introductions were made by the FOSC members and guests at the meeting. Guests: Allie Ross, youth member applicant; James (Jim) Moore, Director of Fairfax Planning Department; Robert Schwartz, property owner for 615 Oak Manor Drive; Alicia Klein, project manager from Resources for Community Development.
2. **Approval of Agenda for July 26, 2016**  
The regular agenda was rearranged in advance to accommodate the guests and those agenda topics of interest. The agenda was unanimously approved.
3. **Welcome to Lily Williams, FOSC youth and ex officio member**  
Lily Williams was interviewed and appointed at the Fairfax Town Council meeting in June. This is her first official meeting as a member.
4. **Update and discussion regarding 615 Oak Manor Drive property: James Moore (Director of Fairfax Planning Department); Robert Schwartz (property owner)**  
After a lengthy, one-hour discussion with questions and issues raised, it was determined that a FOSC subcommittee needed to be set up to further address the issues and next steps. A FOSC special subcommittee for this purpose was comprised of Jack Judkins, Nancy Rogers and Michael Simler.
5. **Update on Fairfax Town Center Plan Special Workshops**  
Fairfax Planning Director James Moore confirmed that the second and next community workshop on the Fairfax Town Center was postponed from Saturday, August 6 until Saturday, October 1, 2016.
6. **FOSC Continuing Business – discussion on:**
  - **Lutheran Church property update** (and potential open space acquisition of back 18 acres)  
– Alicia Klein, project manager from Resources for Community Development attended this meeting. She distributed a seven-page, multi-colored handout that provided an overview of the proposed Victory Village with renderings and maps. The proposed development is for 54 units of affordable senior housing located adjacent to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard on the current site of Christ the Victor Lutheran Church. Also attending the FOSC meeting was Bill Long of the Marin Open Space Trust which was also contacted about the potential sale of the 18 back acres of the 20-acre property for purchase as permanent open space for a quoted price of \$300,000. After a lengthy, one-hour discussion, it was determined that a special FOSC subcommittee needed to be formed to write and send a FOSC comment letter by August 16 to the Fairfax Town Planning Department regarding the submitted plans. The

FOSC subcommittee was comprised of Jack Judkins, Michael Ardito, Chris Powers and Michael Simler.

- **Wall Property update** (potential open space acquisition)  
No updates.
7. **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
  8. **Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2016**  
Due to lack of time, this item was postponed until the next meeting.
  9. **Auction Properties Update and Discussion:** Ruth Horn  
Michael Ardito provided copies to Ruth Horn and Jack Judkins of the Marin Independent Journal printed listings on June 7, 14 and 21, 2016 for the Marin tax delinquent properties from fiscal years 2007 through 2011. An auction will not be held in 2016, but delayed until summer 2017. Of the listings, the only one readily identified as being in Fairfax is the parcel at 255 Pine Drive. Other Fairfax parcels may need to be identified.
  10. **Follow-up to Give Back Tuesday:** Michael Ardito  
The proceeds from Iron Springs for Give Back Tuesday, June 21 was \$454. A card of thanks was signed by all of the FOSC members and was to be mailed out the following day. Ruth Horn also reported that a \$20 cash donation to FOSC was made at the fundraising event making the total raised to \$474.
  11. **Reproduction of Fairfax Open Space maps:** Ruth Horn  
Ruth reported that the five FOSC open space maps were printed and laminated at Avatar Business Center which provides a 10 percent discount to non-profits. FOSC was billed \$39.24 for this project work.
  12. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities (discussion and possible action):** Chris Powers displayed several samples of the new, impressive FOSC logo that was designed by his contact for approximately \$400. Next steps for use of the new logo for our publications, web and merchandise were discussed and will be continued to the next meeting.
  13. **Treasurer's Report and FOSC Budget for 2016-17:** Ray Burgarella will continue to reconcile our account with the Town's finance director, Michael Vivrette. Ray will provide a report at a future FOSC meeting.
  14. **Preparations for combined, special meeting with San Anselmo Open Space on August 17:** Michael Ardito reported that the special, annual combined FOSC meeting with the San Anselmo Open Space will be held on SAOSC's regular meeting night, Wednesday, August 17 at the Fairfax Women's Club. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner. After a combined agenda for the first hour, the two committees will then separate and hold their own meetings.
  15. **Draft FOSC annual report for fiscal year 2015-16:** Michael Ardito  
This matter was postponed until the next meeting.
  16. **Members Expressions.** Michael Ardito reported that he attended the July monthly meeting of the Marin Conservation Leagues's Parks and Open Space Committee when an informative presentation was made by the Marin County Parks and Open Space Commission – which also meets regularly. Nancy Rogers requested that Michael Ardito find out the details for both of those regular meetings and report the schedule, times and locations to the other FOSC members.
  17. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned about 10:30 p.m.