



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
16 Park Road, Fairfax
Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 7:30 PM

Susan Adams	Nancy Morita
Michael Ardito	Mimi Newton
Ted Bright	Chris Powers
Ray Burgarella	Nancy Rogers
Ruth Horn	Hannah Salaverry (<i>ex officio member</i>)
Jack Judkins Co-Chair	

Ray Burgarella was the Chair for the July 2015 Meeting. He called the meeting to order.

1. Roll Call. Attendees: Susan Adams, Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Mimi Newton, and Nancy Rogers.
2. Approval of July 2015 Agenda and proposed June 23, 2015 Minutes. Minutes approved, with one correction (Item 4). Agenda approved with “Continuing Business – Wall Property” made Item 3.
3. Continuing Business – Wall Property. Update, discussion and possible action, including Conditional Approvals of Certificates of Compliance. Marshall Rothman presented the property owners’ current considerations for developing the parcel. There may be a cluster of up to 10 homes, based on the number of the 10 conditionally-approved certificates of compliance that are approved. (A parcel is not buildable until the Town has approved a parcel’s certificate of compliance.) He stated the owners may seek to convert the trail to an access road and may support a trail held by a private or non-profit entity. He noted a proposal by residents that the property owners create a new public trail elsewhere on the property to “replace” the current trail if it is converted to a residential access road. Mr. Rothman will present a topography map with the layout at the September FOSC meeting or at a special meeting that would be held at the property site for a site walk. He stated that in the meantime, he would meet with interested residents about potential development plans.
4. Open Time for Public Expression. None.
5. Treasurer’s Report. Deferred to the September or later agenda.
6. 2015 – 2016 Budget Update Report. Members discussed the proposed budget. No action taken.
7. Continuing Business - Fundraising Activities. Update, discussion and possible action.
 - a. Olive & the Dirty Martinis Benefit Concert. Nancy is continuing to identify a date for this event.
 - b. Status of Sky Ranch Trail Restoration Fundraising, including request for Town Council approval transfer of FOSC-raised funds to MOST for Sky Ranch trail restoration costs. MOST has estimated that it needs approximately \$14,000 to complete the restoration work. Members unanimously approved recommending that the Town donate \$5,000 FOSC funds to the restoration work; this donation is in addition to the Town Council’s approved \$5,000 donation of Measure A funds. As the FOSC liaison to the Town Council, the Mayor recommended that in considering whether – and if so, how much - to donate toward the Sky Ranch restoration, FOSC also consider focusing on increasing its fund for acquisition and related uses (“kitty”) in order to increase its flexibility and speed at acquiring parcels when an acquisition or related opportunity arises.

8. Continuing Business - Annual Report to Town Council. Michael updated the members that he is working on a two-year report.
9. Continuing Business – August FOOSC Meeting with San Anselmo Open Space Committee. The meeting will be August 19th at the San Anselmo Memorial Park. Members will give Susan proposed items by EOD Monday, August 10; she'll finalize a draft agenda and deliver it to Michael the next day. Michael will finalize the joint FOOSC/SAOSC meeting agenda with SAOSC (Jonathan Braun), scheduling a joint meeting of items of concern or interest to both Committees (possibly followed by separate FOOSC and SAOSC meetings).
10. Continuing Business – FOOSC Membership Structure Changes. Item continued to a future meeting; no date set.
11. New Business – Acquisition and Restoration Projects.
 - a. Parcel across creek from Egger Grove – potential acquisition project. Jack will set this item for the September meeting.
 - b. Parcel adjacent to Deer Park – potential clean-up project. Mimi reported that she identified the parcel owner and sent a letter requesting the owner to clean the parcel. She has not yet received a response at this time.
 - c. 93 Dominga (residence) is for sale – Mimi reported that this parcel (listed at \$725,000), located at the end of across from Sherman, a street selected by the Town for closure and “daylighting.” No recommended action at this time.
12. New Business – Potential Open Space Mapping Training (Mimi and Jack). Deferred to a future meeting. No date set.
13. Reports from Boards, Committees and Sub-Committees , including the Tree Committee and the General Plan Implementation Committee. Michael attended the last Tree Committee meeting and will cover the next two months' meetings.
14. Members' Expressions. None.

Respectfully submitted August 25, 2015 by Michael Ardito,
August 2015 Acting FOOSC Chair on behalf of Susan Adams, FOOSC Secretary