



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax
Tuesday, August 23, 2011, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Mimi Newton - Chair
Michael Ardito Jacob Feickert
Ted Bright Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler Jack Judkins – Co-Chair
Chelsea Donovan Linda Novy
Jolie Egert Ryan O'Neil

1. Roll call
 - a. Present: Mimi, Michael, Ted, Barbara, Jolie, Jacob, Ruth, Jack, Linda, Ryan
2. Approval of agenda and minutes for May 24, 2011 meeting
 - a. Minutes – Approved by unanimous vote.
3. Treasurer's Report – Ted
 - a. The Fairfax Open Space (FOSC) proceeds from the Good Festival earlier in August was \$42.
 - b. Recent account deposits were \$160.
 - c. Recent account debit was \$213.98 to the Copy Shop for our FOSC business cards.
 - d. The current FOSC checking account balance is \$6,212.65.
4. Update regarding FOSC budget
 - a. Jack Judkins asked the following:
 1. Where is the FOSC fundraiser check that was sent from Iron Springs Pub and Brewery and submitted to the Town of Fairfax?
 2. What is our FOSC budget for fiscal year 2011-2012
 3. How much is currently in the Town's "open space" account?
 4. Is the Town's "open space" account broken down?
 5. What is the breakdown of the FOSC budget within the Town's budget for fiscal year 2010-2011?

Action: FOSC will continue to pursue answers to these questions.
5. Update regarding Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria
Fairfax Town Manager Michael Rock will be reminded to place adoption of the FOSC Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting on September 7.

Action: Jack to follow-up.
6. Update regarding the Good Festival and discussion and possible action regarding the Town Picnic on Sept. 18.
 - a. The FOSC Good Festival receipts were \$42.
 - b. FOSC will participate again in the annual Town Picnic scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18.
 - c. **Action Item: Notification of our Town Picnic participation will be provided on the FOSC website.**
 - d. **Action Item: Possible FOSC booth staffing at the Town Picnic will include Mimi, Jack, Mike, Ted, Ruth and Ryan.**
 - e. **Action Item: Ryan will look to rental (up to \$100) or purchase of a popcorn maker (up to \$250) for events. Motion made and approved by FOSC.**

- f. Action Item: Ryan will research acquiring a stamp with our FOSC logo**
7. Update, discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to Town Council on possible acquisition of land in Fairfax, including County Tax Default Properties
 - a. There is a tax default property at “Triangle Park” that is to be auctioned off. It is not a high priority for FOSC using the OS criteria.
 - b. Action Item: Jack and Ruth will look into other properties, especially one on Willow Avenue.**
 - c. Action Item: Mimi will be getting some background information regarding the Wall property to Jolie and others interested.**
 8. Update regarding a joint meeting with the San Anselmo Open Space Committee
 Several members of FOSC agreed to join Mimi for a potluck dinner with the San Anselmo Open Space Committee to be held Wednesday evening, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at 147 Pine Street in San Anselmo. FOSC members who attend will request updates from San Anselmo regarding their current projects.
Action Item: FOSC decided to invite members of the San Anselmo Open Space Committee to join FOSC for our Tuesday, October 25 meeting to be a potluck at Jack Judkins home, located at 263 Bolinas Road in Fairfax.
 9. Update, discussion regarding draft General Plan, FOSC-related items and input from FOSC to GPIC regarding schedules for General Plan implementation
Action: This agenda discussion item was postponed to a future meeting.
 10. Update and discussion regarding Marin County Open Space District’s development of Road and Trails Management Plan
 Linda Novy provided a verbal report (and will send a synopsis) from the last meeting of the Marin County Open Space District. Topics included concerns about vegetation, night-time riding, and looking at “road inventors.” The next meeting is in October. The group expects further discussions regarding the Marin County Bicycle Coalition as well as discussions regarding the Thanksgiving Day bike ride down Cascade Creek Preserve. With approximately 1,000 “Turkey Day” riders, there are concerns about impacts to the environment including steelhead. There has been talk about rotating the Thanksgiving ride down different routes – or rerouting certain segments.
Action Item: A motion was made and approved by FOSC to authorize drafting a letter (Mimi) to the Marin Open Space to find out the status of the Thanksgiving Day bicycle ride and what is being done to reduce impacts to creeks.
 11. Update on Jolly Hill access easement negotiations
 Jack reported that Jolly Hill neighbors have complained about litter in the area as well as signs with rules disappearing. Because there is no legal easement, we can not legally put up signage at Jolly Hill. Bennett House is the only property that has access. **Action item: Jack to follow-up.**
 12. Review of Action Items from May minutes and June and July notes and Committee member comments and requests.
 - General Plan Implementation Overview. Mimi reported that the General Plan is scheduled to be adopted in December. **Action Item: We need to develop a Subcommittee for the agenda at the next FOSC meeting.** We reviewed Open Space items up to section 3.1.1.1. **Action item: Mimi will resend to FOSC members section 2.1.1.1.**
 - **Action Item: Jolie is going to contact College of Marin to see if a student in a GIS class might want to do a map project for some of the General Plan.**
 13. Open time for public expression
 Mimi mentioned the upcoming public meeting on September 1 at the Fairfax Pavilion regarding Phil Lesh’s proposed Terrapin music venue near the current site of Good Earth and gas station.
- FOSC Meeting Adjourned*