



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax
Tuesday, August 25, 2009, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Mimi Newton - Chair	
Michael Ardito	Denise Ferry
Ted Bright	Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler	Jack Judkins
Niccolo Caldararo	Ryan O'Neil – Co-Chair
Helen Fauss	Jane Richardson-Mack

1. Roll call

Present: Mimi, Michael, Barbara, Niccolo, Helen, Ruth, Jack, Ryan, Jack, Jane; Guest – William Madsen

2. Approval of minutes for July 28, 2009 FOSC meeting. Approved by unanimous vote.

3. Annual Report to Town Council at Sept. 2 Council Meeting. Approved by unanimous vote.

4. Good Festival

~\$206 donations & sales of baked goods (brownies, pies) and possibly one t-shirt. Also discussed FOSC members donating funds towards materials for baked goods.

5. GPAC Committee

Mimi outlined possible addition to the General Plan OS Element similar to San Anselmo's. San Anselmo OS element has a condition that requires that applicants planning to build on properties identified in the OS element are required to meet with the SAOS committee prior to development. The FOSC concept includes inventory of all undeveloped and underdeveloped properties; before an applicant would go to the Planning Commission for these properties (or other identified OS), the applicant would meet with FOSC first. Jack suggested identifying "critical OS lands" (or similar name) and requiring pre-sale conference with FOSC. Others discussed requiring meeting with FOSC prior to permit application submittal so as to not start the imposed schedule of permit. Niccolo suggested all underdeveloped properties and any substantial rebuilds subject to this requirement.

Mimi noted that she is working with Larry Kennings to have maps produced of all underdeveloped and undeveloped properties in addition to any properties owned by the Town. These maps can be used for the OS element in addition to other FOSC purposes.

6. FOSC finances & Proposed Resolution re: keeping funds in Town Acct.

Mimi noted that the Volunteers Committee has a separate entity, the Friends of the Volunteers, that maintains the funds for the Volunteers Committee separate from the Town Account. Mimi noted that her preference is to keep funds in Town account (with restrictions for uses other than FOSC) but with a small amount of funds (e.g., \$1000) kept

in a “kitty” for FOSC uses. Jack stated that the legal opinion does not seem to preclude this. Jack suggested a Town ordinance or resolution to preserve the funds for FOSC. Also discussed having the money first come in to FOSC for submittal to the Town (rather than having funding go directly to Town).

Action item – Jack and Jane will have a follow-up meeting with Michael Rock to outline proposal with Town ordinance/resolution. They will also clarify that FOSC would like to meet with members of the Town Council separately on this matter.

7. Staffing and what to sell at FOSC Table at Fairfax Town Picnic – September 20th

Action item – Mimi to email signup sheet to man/woman the table.

Discussion of items for sale at future events (baked goods; items that signify FOSC)

Action item – Ryan to develop proposal of sustainable options for sale at events for next FOSC meeting.

8. General Update on Miscellaneous Issues & July Action Item(s) Status

- a. Update on paperwork etc. related to acquisition of tax delinquent properties – Jack reported that all paperwork is filed and one property was redeemed by the owner on August 18, 2009 (Toyon & Woodland property)
- b. Update on David Smadbeck’s efforts to investigate:
 - The status of the Raker property – no report
 - Possible foreclosure on \$1.2 million property in Fairfax – this property does not exist based on his research.
 - Possible bank liens on either of the two tax-defaulted properties we are trying to acquire – the redeemed property has a large lien; the other still available property does not have any liens.
- c. Update on FOSC request that Town Council address fallen retaining wall in creek by the Egger Grove – Mimi went to Town Council and Michael Rock reported “it is in the works”
Action item – Ryan to speak to Michael Rock and also speak at Town Council on this matter by next FOSC meeting
- d. Update on new web page for FOSC
Action item – Ryan to bring mock-up of website to next FOSC meeting
- e. Update on Saturday hike with Marin Conservation League at Samuel P. Taylor Park
Helen, Michael, Mimi & Jane will participate in the hike.

9. Open time for public expression

Meeting was adjourned.