



MINUTES

FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, August 28, 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, Jack Judkins, Jacob Feickert, Ruth Horn, Barbara Coler, Susan Adams, Michael Ardito, Ted Bright.
2. Approval of August 2012 Agenda and July 2012 Minutes. The Committee approved unanimously the August 2012 Agenda. The Committee approved unanimously the July 2012 minutes with an amendment in Item 8, Reconciliation of FOSC Funds to specify that the amount to be reconciled is upwards of \$3,800.
3. Update and Action Item - General Plan Implementation Committee (GPIC). (Jake) Discussion: Jake will remain the FOSC representative to GPIC, but seeks alternates in case he is unavailable. **Action: Mimi and Ruth will act as interim alternates.** Jacob reported that there is no change of status on the First-Year Priorities List: GPIC has not begun consideration of the General Plan's open space provisions.
4. Update, Discussion and Action Item - Acquisition of Upper Ridgeway Parcels. (Acquisitions Sub-Committee) Discussion:
 - a. Town Council's September 5th agenda will include authorization to FOSC to initiate negotiations for the Town's acquisition of APNs 001-193-07, 001-193-09, 001-193-03.
 - b. Jack has contacted Rick Holland (property owner's agent) about acquisition issues; Jack reported that Dave Smadbeck agreed to prepare a list of parcels comparable to the Upper Ridgeway parcels.
 - c. Trees List – Ruth is pursuing this matter. Plants Lists – Mimi is pursuing this matter.
 - d. Grant Applications: The Committee discussed and agreed to undertake fundraising if and when the Town Council authorizes acquisition of the Upper Ridgeway parcels. Susan contacted State Coastal Conservancy's Marin County representative, who stated that \$70,000 grant is a reasonable SCC open space acquisition grant amount, and that the parcels for acquisition must have a regional benefit, rather than a primarily-neighborhood benefit. Jake has contacted Marin Open Space Trust. Mimi reported that Supervisor Rice stated her commitment to supporting the Town's acquisition of the parcels; Supervisor Rice will contact Linda (?) in anticipation of Mimi contacting her directly.
 - e. Appraisal: FOSC will determine whether to seek an appraisal after the Town Council's action and Jack's initial negotiations are underway.
5. Update: Donation of Scenic Trail (Court) Property (Jack). Discussion: Jack reported that the Town Council's September 5th meeting agenda will include a resolution to accept the donation of APN 001-22-04 (located at Upper Scenic Roads near Redwood and Bay Roads).

6. Updates - E-Scrip Cards for FOSC – Fairfax Market and Good Earth. (Mimi) Mimi reported that Michael Vivrette is reviewing with Fairfax Market whether FOSC is a qualified recipient of E-Scrip donations. FOSC will no longer pursue issuance of E-Scrip cards with Good Earth.
7. Fairfax Town Picnic – FOSC Participation (Sunday, September 16, 2012). (Mimi) **Actions to be taken: Mimi and Ruth will coordinate the FOSC booth/table set-up. Mimi, Ruth, Jacob, Susan and Michael will represent FOSC at the booth. Booth coverage is as follows: 12 – 2 p.m.: Jake and Susan; 2 – 4 p.m.: Michael; 2 – 5 p.m.: Mimi; Ruth possibly.**
8. Treasurer and Finance Report – Update. (Ted, Mimi and Jack) **Actions to be taken: Ted will earmark a \$50.00 donation to the Upper Ridgeway Trail Acquisition, as specified by the donor. Mimi will follow up with Michael Vivrette about the reconciliation of FOSC funds.**
9. Update re: Tamarancho Cell Tower. (Mimi) There will be a County Planning Commission meeting on September 10th to review Verizon’s relocation of a cell tower. One can submit position letters directly to the Commission on this matter.
10. Members’ Expressions.
 - a. Tree Committee: Will post wildlife advisory flyers to remind owners that there may be birds nesting in trees that are slated for pruning/cutting.
 - b. Constant Contact: The Committee discussed whether to reinstate Constant Contact. One of the considerations is the annual cost to operate Constant Contact. Ted reimbursed Jolie \$153.00 for 2011 costs; Mimi will review with Jolie the costs incurred this service.
 - c. Barbara alerted the Committee that she receives warning notices as FOSC’s webmaster. She will investigate the cause of this.
 - d. Michael noted that Marin County Parks Department is hosting a “thank you” at McNear’s Beach on September 8th for the Gift of Love volunteers.
 - e. The Committee agreed that Susan will review her proposed meeting minutes with Mimi and will submit the final proposed minutes to the Committee prior to the meeting. About a week before the next month’s meeting, Susan will share the proposed agenda with Mimi, finalize it and submit it to the Town (Susan Waters) on the Wednesday before the meeting. The Town staff will contact Susan with any issues/concerns about the agenda.
 - f. Gloria Duncan property – Mimi is following up on any issues.
11. Open Time - Public Expressions. None.