



**MINUTES**  
**FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

16 Park Road, Fairfax  
September 232008, 7:30 PM

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:**

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

1. Roll call: Mimi Newton, Barbara Coler, Niccolo Caldararo, Helen Fauss, Denny Ferry, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Ryan O'Neil, Jane Richardson-Mack

Guests: Michael Ardido, Jessica Green, , Anakela Carmassi, Jen Jones

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of minutes of July 22, 2008 and Joint Meeting of August 20, 2008

4. Treasurer's Report – Balance in account \$8655.59. Recent account activity: deposit of \$235.00 – proceeds from the Good Festival on 8/21/2008. Money from the Fairfax Volunteers Picnic is yet to be deposited. Quilt raffle money is \$48 so far.

5. T-shirts – Jessica Green presented her art portfolio and Jen Jones her designs. Anakela of tela d Organic Boutique in town passed out an estimate sheet for organic cotton T-shirts done by a Novato woman using water-based ink: 100 shirts, \$875; suggested retail price at least \$21 – net profit \$1125. Sizes – women's, men's, children's respectively XS – 4XL, facts: non GMO seeds, third party organic certified, preshrunk, color safe. The water-based ink sinks in and becomes part of the shirt; there is no extra charge for more colors. The organic cotton fabric is softer and much better quality than the average cotton T. Styles include women's fitted and tank top. Canvas bags and sweat shirts are also available. T-shirt committee: Jane, Mimi, and Ryan. Continue to next month.

6. Update: Access issues to Frank Egger Redwood Grove – The Open Space Committee reluctantly has agreed to not allow bikes in the Frank Egger Redwood Preserve. This is the limit of the Committee's concessions. Pursue litigation if no agreement can be reached.

7. Looked at large red-colored map of the Ridgeline Corridor. Unstable slopes are in pink, flood prone areas in green, etc. We now have copies of all the maps related to the 1973-4 Open Space and Conservation Elements of the General Plan provided by the town planning director. Discussion/preparation for Mixed Use Overlay meeting on Sat, Sept 27. Our focus is to make sure the two General Plan elements are recognized. Key elements of the General Plan seem not to have been considered at all in the proposed zoning changes.

8. Subcommittee reports:

- 1) Acquisition: Updates:
    - a. Letter to Hal Brown – No response as yet
    - b. Grant application – Gathering information in 12 categories.
  - 2) Ben Ross Property – The owner is very interested in selling. We discussed putting our efforts here since this is active as opposed to Wall.
  - 3) Triangle Park – Information was provided to Ian and there was no response. A lot contiguous to Hawthorne Canyon has come on the market, listed at \$69,000.
- B. Fundraising
- 1) Update: individual ticket raffle sales
  - 2) Update: efforts to obtain ECO FEST proceeds – Continue to next month.
  - 3) Report: proceeds from FFX picnic – Continue to next month.
  - 4) Update: Frame-a-View with town artist-in-residence – signage and displays on SFD – One opinion was that people would not notice the significance of the frame as they zipped past and that there could be liability issues if the frame blew down.
- C. Governance: Discussion: where should we put our funds? – Continue to next month.
- D. Public Outreach: Updates:
- 1) Newsletter – Helen Fauss
  - 2) Website – subcommittee: Mimi and Jane
- E. Stewardship
9. Update: Community service – supervision – where, when, what – Continue to next meeting.
10. Open time for public expression
- A. Tap Root Foundation helps non-profit groups get started.
  - B. Creek obstruction has completely shifted from the Conservation Corps. They told him to get permits.
  - C. Mimi called UC Berkley SOD (Sudden Oak Death) researcher concerning FOOSC motion for Council letter and is awaiting a reply.