



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Lauren Hinxmann, Acting Chair
Chris Borjian	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Ray Burgarella, Treasurer	Jack Judkins
Charles Cornwell	Susan Pascal Beran
Chance Cutrano	Lili Secord, Youth Member (ex officio)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Lauren Hinxmann, Acting Chair
Present: Michael Ardito, Chris Borjian, Ray Burgarella, Charles Cornwell, Chance Cutrano, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Susan Pascal Beran
Arrived Mid-Meeting: Lili Secord
Not Present: Jack Judkins
- 2. Approval of Agenda for September 26 and Minutes from July 25 and August 16, 2017**
Both agenda and minutes from last two meetings were approved.
- 3. FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
 - *Lutheran Church property update* (and open space acquisition of back 18 acres)
 - *Wall Property update* (potential open space acquisition). Mr. Marshal Rothman attended our meeting and talked about greenbelting 90 percent of his property. He asked to present his plans for Marinda Heights development to FOSC in advance of submitting building permit proposal to the Town so he could receive early comments on the open space components to his plans. FOSC decided to hold a special meeting about his plans in advance of our next regular meeting on October 24 by scheduling an early, special meeting.
 - *Spring Lane parcels adjacent to Sky Ranch in Fairfax*. No new information, but this agenda item will be continued for the near future.
- 4. Open Time for Public Expressions** (*The public is welcome to address the Committee at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Committee is not permitted to take action on any matter not on the agenda, unless it determines that an emergency exists, or that the need to take action arose following posting of the agenda. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and a spokesperson for an organization is limited to five minutes.*) Former FOSC Member Helen Fauss asked for clarification of the FOSC role in reviewing open space components of development plans to the Town.
- 5. Town Planning Department Presentation:** Director Ben Berto talked about the criteria for FOSC to evaluate open space components of parcel developments. He will transit pertinent parts of applications to us for recommendations.
- 6. Selection of FOSC Tree Committee alternates:** Michael Ardito noted that in addition to primary alternate Ray Burgarella that others interested in opportunities to represent FOSC at the Tree Committee could include Charles Cornwell, Lauren Hinxmann and Chris Borjian.

7. **Fairfax Tree Committee workshop evening of Wednesday, October 11**
Michael Ardito mentioned that Planning Director Ben Berto and Town Arborist Ray Moritz will hold a special Tree Committee workshop on the evening of October 11. Interested FOSC members are encouraged to attend.
8. **Treasurer's Report and Follow-up (possible action):** Ray Burgarella reported that not including Measure A funds for FOSC that are in another account, FOSC has a current balance of \$24,792.54.
9. **Fairfax Town Picnic reports** (FOSC members). Those FOSC members and alumni that helped manage the FOSC booth at the Town Picnic on Sunday, September 17 were Susan Pascal Beran, Ray Burgarella, Charles Cornwell, Lili Secord, Ruth Horn, Barbara Coler and Michael Ardito. Our "spin to win" game created a lot of interest and participation. A lot of tote bags, bandanas and T-shirts were given away. We received \$40 in donations.
10. **Fairfax Open Space Plant Walk on October 7:** Lauren Hinxmann announced this plant walk with guide Nick Nutu. Those interested can meet at Peri Park at 10 a.m.
11. **FOSC Participation in Biketoberfest on September October 14:** Lauren Hinxmann and others signed up to help. Lauren and former FOSC member Chris Powers were able to order FOSC water bottles to sell at this community outreach opportunity.
12. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action). Please see agenda item #11 above.
13. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers** (discussion and possible action). Chance Cutrano has applied to become a member of the Fairfax Volunteer Board.
14. **Proposition 1 Grant Solicitation from Coastal Conservancy** (discussion and possible action). Susan Pascal Beran has expressed interest to explore this grant opportunity. Michael Ardito will resend the email to Susan.
15. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). No new information.
16. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals).** No new information other than Tree Committee workshop announced under agenda item seven.
17. **Reports of activities from partner agencies:** San Anselmo Open Space Committee; Bay Area Open Space Council; Marin Open Space Commission; Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee: FOSC representatives. Michael Ardito has registered to attend the day-long One Tam science symposium on October 26 at the Marin Art and Garden Center. The symposium is sponsored by the federal, state and local agencies with responsibilities for managing lands in the Mount Tamalpais watershed.
18. **Status of Two-Year FOSC Annual Report 2015-17:** Michael Ardito is still working on this.
19. **Update of General Plan Inventory of Priority Open Space Properties to include all ABAG-approved "Priority Conservation Areas":** Jack Judkins. Postponed to December 2017 meeting.
20. **Implementation of General Plan Open Space Element including identification of recreational trails and priority open space lands:** Jack Judkins. Postponed to December 2017 meeting.
21. **FOSC Members Expressions.** Ruth Horn will contact the Marin County Assessor's office regarding details for this year's tax default auction regarding possible Fairfax properties. Michael Ardito will update the FOSC contact list for members.
22. **Adjournment** was at approximately 9:10 p.m.