



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax
Tuesday, September 27, 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

- a. Roll call - Present: Mimi, Michael, Barbara, Jolie, Jacob, Ruth, Jack, Ryan.
- b. Approval of agenda and August 2011 minutes - Agenda and minutes approved. Minutes with minor revision.
2. Treasurer's Report – Not Present, defer to October 25, 2011 meeting.
3. Update re: FOSC Budget with discussion of funds disposition from Iron Springs fundraiser – Still pending. **Action item: Ryan to follow-up.**
4. Discussion and possible action regarding FOSC annual report to Town – pending receipt of FOSC Budget including Iron Springs funds. **Action item: Mimi begin drafting with FOSC input.**
5. Update regarding Open Space Acquisition criteria – **adopted by Town Council 9/7/2011 Resolution 11-54.**
6. Update regarding the Town Picnic and acquisitions in preparation for next summer's events - \$39 funds raised. Ryan purchased and returned popcorn machine for FOSC Fundraising events, determined the machine was inadequate as a commercial unit so returned. **Action item: Ryan will continue pursuit of unit that meets commercial needs.**
7. Discussion and possible action regarding gearing up range of efforts aimed at identifying land acquisition opportunities in Fairfax – FOSC should begin process of fund acquisitions for property purchase and pursue grant and other opportunities. Two items discussed in detail:
 - 1) Example property, gain option to purchase on a large property (10 or greater acres in size) for low funds (e.g., \$5K), begin discussions with Coastal Conservancy (CC) on grant funding and parameters to consider/needed information/relationship building (**Action item: Michael to follow-up with CC contacts – Amy Hutzell and/or Karen Gear**) and follow-up with real estate agent to explore options (**Action item: Jack to follow-up with real estate agent**). **Other action items: Jolie to follow-up on possible Napa False Indigo to confirm its presence on one large property – endangered/threatened species.**
 - 2) Possible joint acquisition projects with San Anselmo Open Space (SAOSC). **Action item: agendaize for Oct 25 meeting development of joint FOSC/SAOSC joint acquisition committee.**
8. Update and discussion regarding draft General Plan (GP), FOSC-related items and input from FOSC to GPIC regarding schedules for General Plan implementation. Jacob outlined the key elements of the GP that FOSC has lead on or supporting role. 1) Inventory of public trails. John Reed led an effort to map all trails in town, FOSC can have input to add to the trails that may be “outside” of Town-held trails on these maps. **Action item: Barbara to explore linking from FOSC website to the Trail Maps which should be posted on the Town and/or Volunteer's website.** 2) Updating the Trails Map Plan – FOSC will have input to this effort as in item 1. 3) Visual Resource Mapping – Jolie sought out college student(s) to perform GIS mapping, at this time none are available. FOSC discussed the existing Visual Resource maps and adding to them through the GP process. GIS can be integrated at an

- appropriate time; Jolie will continue to seek a college student to assist. **Action item: Mimi to introduce Jolie to Larry Kennings so she can coordinate with him on mapping. Mimi to locate all existing GP maps.** 4) Inventory of Open Space properties – FOSC is lead on this so is highest priority for FOSC for the GP. **Action item: develop subcommittee to develop the inventory, agenda for October 25 meeting. FOSC members to go to Town Website to view Appendix with the current list of Open Space properties.** 5) Health & Safety aspects of Open Space – FOSC to have input with other groups leading. 6) Conservation Element of the GP – there are several sub-elements, primarily FOSC can have input by providing data/information to those leading these sub-elements when FOSC has information. These include: Identification of rare resources, identification of invasive species, restoring natural vegetation in Fairfax and restoring vegetation by removing invasive species (e.g., pulling scotch broom events), referring sites to Native American groups for evaluation on an as-needed or as-found basis. **Action item: Jacob to update the GP element/sub-element spreadsheets he developed to reflect the discussion/next steps.**
9. Update and discussion regarding Marin County Open Space District’s development of Road and Trails Management Plan – agenda for October 25 meeting.
 10. Update on Jolly Hill access easement negotiations – Jack reported that the Town already has an easement (access/drainage easement). FOSC agreed that the Rules of use of Open Space sign should be placed on the property (other signage pending at this time). **Action item: Ruth to locate the FOSC-approved Open Space rules for signs and/or contact Denny Larson for prior version. Jack will follow-up with Jim Moore on having the sign produced and installed.**
 11. Report on attendance at San Anselmo Open Space Committee potluck meeting – discussed under item 8 (2). SAOSC has been invited and will attend the October 25 FOSC meeting.
 12. Discussion regarding upcoming Fairfax Open Space Committee potluck meeting - October 25 – to be held at Jack Judkins home, 263 Bolinas. FOSC members to bring drinks and complementary food items (salads, desserts) to grill items. Bring grilling items if special requests otherwise Jack will provide.
 13. Review of Action Items from August minutes and Committee member comments and requests – Most action items completed (discussed above in pertinent agenda items) or in process. **Action items: Ruth to contact Denny for FOSC stamp, Ryan can purchase new stamp if not available; FOSC Budget item remains pending; Ruth & Jack will look into other properties; Jolie will follow-up to determine who is paying taxes on the Wall Property and will contact him/her;**
 14. Open time for public expression – Barbara noted that her application for the Town Planning Commission will be considered at the October 5 Town Council meeting.