



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Mimi Newton - Chair

Michael Ardito

Ruth Horn

Ted Bright

Jack Judkins

Barbara Coler

Linda Novy

Chelsea Donovan

Ryan O'Neil – Co-Chair

1. Roll call - Mimi, Michael, Ted, Chelsea, Ruth, Jack, Linda & Ryan
Town Liaison - Kathy Wilkie, Town Finance Director - Laurie Ireland-Ashley
Guests - Jolie Egert, Jake Feickert, Nicholas Gaffney
2. Assignment of Secretarial duties for this meeting - Ruth with help from Jolie
3. Minutes of 8-24-10 and Agenda for 9-28-10 - approved
4. Treasurer's Report - \$8 received from Fairfax Picnic cookie sales
Finance Director's Report - Draft report for year ending June 2010
5. Rules for Use of Open Space - Discussion regarding proposed rules and need to incorporate them into Town Code. **Action: Mimi and Kathy** to flesh out language and **Mimi** will agendize a continued discussion and possible action on this item for next month's meeting.
6. Subcommittee Reports

A. Acquisitions

- FOSC authority to act with short notice - Discussion regarding need for Committee to act quickly with respect to quick sales of undeveloped properties within the Fairfax Planning Area, such as some recently auctioned lots and possible work with Town on ordinance to enable spending authority. **Action: Jack** to coordinate with Finance Director and Town Manager on possible development of ordinance.

- Wall Property – discussion re: historic efforts to contact owner(s) and ideas about next steps. **Action: Jack** will send out petition about asking the owner(s) to engage in discussions regarding the future of the property with the Committee. **Everyone** should obtain as many signatures as possible by the next meeting.

- Discussion regarding additional properties subject to tax foreclosures, Willow Ave. lot for sale, and criteria for acquisition of open space. **Action: Mimi** will agendize criteria for next meeting and continue discussion.

- Bennett House easement update - Town is working with Bennett House owners to acquire access to Town-owned Jolly Hill property. Open Space will not be able to erect a sign until negotiations are completed.

B. Fundraising

- Lydia's Lovin' Foods – update regarding Lydia's policy of giving a share of proceeds to local charities and non-profits, including FOSC
- Town Picnic – update
- Give Back Nights at Iron Springs Brewery – Dec. 7th chosen a date for Iron Springs benefit for FOSC. **Action: Michael** to work on post-card and website announcement for event and press releases. **Mimi** to confirm date with Iron Springs.

C. Governance

- Update re: resignation of Helen Fauss, possible new members. Proposed revised eligibility requirements for membership on the committee discussed to allow residents outside formal town limits but within Fairfax zip code (94930) to serve on Open Space Committee. **Action: Mimi** to agendize discussion of appreciation of former members at Iron Springs event and discussion regarding possible donation bins at IGA for next month's meeting.
- Elections for FOSC Officers: Chairman (Mimi), Co-Chairman (Ryan), Secretary (Chelsea), and Treasurer (Ted)

D. Website

- request from Barbara for photos. **Action: Ryan, Chelsea and Jack** to send photos to Barbara.

E. Outreach

- Update re: Facebook - discussion regarding possible means of publicizing Iron Springs event, petition etc.
- Discussion regarding compiling contact information for friends of FOSC - **Action: Mimi** to locate records, work with **Jolie, Barbara, Chelsea** on organizing and compiling data electronically.

7. Discussion regarding Town's request for more specificity in FOSC Agendas regarding Action items.
8. Update on Status of General Plan's Open Space and Conservation Elements - **Action: Mimi** to send copies of latest versions of these elements to FOSC membership for review in advance of super-committee meeting in November.
9. Miscellaneous Items
Discussion re: possible placement of cell phone tower on Boy Scout property in Tamarancho. **Action: Ryan** to follow up with **Chelsea**.
Announcement regarding Sustainable Fairfax event on Saturday.
10. Time for Open Expression - Discussion regarding status of Berg litigation.