



MINUTES
SPECIAL and REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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)

SPECIAL MEETING started at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Lauren Hinxmann, Acting Chair
Present: Michael Ardito, Chris Borjian, Charles Cornwell, Chance Cutrano, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran.
Absent: Ray Burgarella, Lili Secord
Guests: About 18 Fairfax citizens attended.
2. **Wall Property Update / Marinda Heights Project Open Space Component with property owner Mr. Marshal Rothman.** Mr. Rothman gave an overview presentation and took questions from FOSC members and guests. As a Marin County native, developer Mr. Rothmann reported he has greenbelted thousands of acres over the years. Of the 99 acres in the Marinda Heights development, he plans to dedicate a number of acres for park and trail access. He predicted that bicycle and pedestrian access will be improved on the property. He realizes that he will need to do an Environmental Impact Report. The proposed homes will be clustered and “state-of-the-art green” with solar panels. Driveways will be permeable and the houses will have a turn-around – especially for fire trucks. Mr. Rothman described various aspects of his plans. Questions were raised about water courses and springs on the property.
 - A. Biological Site Assessment / Botanical Resources (discussion). Flora and fauna were discussed as was the Vegetation Management Plan.
 - B. Tree Study (discussion). Mr. Rothman explained that there are thousands of trees on this property. Of the trees on the parcels (about 13 acres) for this housing development proposal, about 270 trees of approximately 439 trees are planned to be removed for construction and defensible space. Some trees will be replaced later with native trees and provide screening for some houses.
 - C. Visual Study (discussion). Story poles will be erected at a later date prior to review by the Fairfax Planning Commission.
 - D. Geotechnical Studies. The geotechnical report did not determine there were any active slides.
 - E. Next FOSC steps (discussion and possible action). Mr. Rothmann will keep the Town and the Fairfax Open Space Committee informed as the project progresses. FOSC members will have an opportunity to provide written comments on the project proposal, once the application is submitted and complete.

REGULAR MEETING started at 8:00 p.m. approximately

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Lauren Hinxmann, Acting Chair
See above roll call for attendance. Some members of the public stayed for at least part of the regular portion of the FOSC meeting.
2. **Approval of Agenda for October 24 and Minutes from September 26, 2017.** Tonight's meeting agenda was approved. Discussion of the minutes for the September 26 meeting was postponed to the next meeting on December 5.
3. **FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
 - Lutheran Church property update (and open space acquisition of back 18 acres). No new information was reported.
 - Spring Lane parcels adjacent to Sky Ranch in Fairfax. No new information was reported.
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.*) Some members of the public had remaining questions and comments about the proposed Marinda Heights development after Mr. Rothmann had left the special meeting.
5. **FOSC Participation and Rescheduled Biketoberfest to November 4** (discussion and possible action). Due to the North Bay wildfires and smoke the Biketoberfest was rescheduled from Saturday, October 14 to Saturday, November 4. A new sign-up list to staff the FOSC booth on November 4 was being developed.
6. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action). Lauren Hinxmann reported that the new FOSC water bottles will be on sale for \$15 each or two for \$25.
7. **Fairfax Auction Properties** (discussion and possible action): Ruth Horn and Jack Judkins. Ruth and Jack discovered that FOSC is not on the distribution list for notification of this event. Jack will write a letter to the County regarding this matter.
8. **Report of Fairfax Open Space Plant Walk on October 7:** Lauren Hinxmann reported the hike was a success and another will be scheduled for the future.
9. **Proposition 1 Grant Solicitation from Coastal Conservancy** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran will report on this at our next meeting in December.
10. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals)
11. **Report of Fairfax Tree Committee workshop evening on October 11:** Michael Ardito, Lauren Hinxmann and Charles Cornwell of FOSC attended this workshop primarily led by arborist Ray Moritz.
12. **Confirmation of FOSC Tree Committee alternates:** Michael Ardito. Ray is currently the FOSC primary alternate. Lauren Hinxmann and Charles Cornwell may also be interested and available to serve as a FOSC back-up to the Tree Committee.
13. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers:** Chance Cutrano reported about involvement with Fairfax Volunteers for trail maintenance.

14. **Treasurer's Report and Follow-up** (possible action): Ray Burgarella was absent so this item was postponed to the December meeting. We still need to determine if FOSC donations at the Town Picnic in September totaled \$20 or \$40.
15. **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 reported that he learned via the Marin Conservation League about the 2017 Mount Tam Wildlife Symposium and One Tam annual report to be held on Thursday, October 26 at the Marin Art and Garden Center. He will attend and report back to FOSC at our December meeting.
16. **Quorum Check for Next FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.** It appears that we will be able to have a quorum for the combined November-December meeting on December 5.
17. **Confirmation of FOSC Acting Chair for November / December 2017:** Jack Judkins
18. **Selection of FOSC Acting Chair for January / February 2018:** Lauren Hinxmann volunteered to serve in this role.
19. **Status of Two-Year FOSC Annual Report 2015-17:** Michael Ardito continued this item to the next meeting.
20. **FOSC Members Expressions:** Jack Judkins reported that Governor Brown signed a ballot proposition for a Water and Parks bond on the June 2018 ballot that will provide significant funding.
21. **Adjournment** at about 9:45 p.m.