



MINUTES FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Mimi Newton - Chair

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

1. Roll call – Present: Mimi, Barbara, Niccolo, Ruth, Jack, Ryan, Michael, Helen
Also present: Kathy Wilkie – FOSC Liaison & Fairfax Public Works Director

2. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2009 – approved unanimously with edits

3. Status of efforts to remove collapsed retaining wall within creek by Egger Grove – Kathy Wilkie

Kathy reported that prior to the next meeting she will conduct a site visit with RWQCB (Marla Lafer) and County Flood Control District (Jack Kirley & Liz Lewis) representatives. She has sent them photos of the retaining wall. They will conduct site visits of all retaining walls in the creek. She noted that all property owners will be responsible for the repairs and that there may be flood control funding for some aspects. She also noted that cost can be \$100K for repairs and permits.

Action item: Kathy Wilkie to provide report at November meeting

4. Update on Website – Ryan

FOSC members provided kudos to Ryan for a job well done. Members provided comments as requested. Barbara provided written comments and briefly went over them with the group (ideas for new tabs, drop down menu items; donations and possible ways to structure this section, possible links, and suggested a FOSC-only side for document storage to archive information from the past or not useful for public). Jack & Mimi had other suggestions for links and a tab called “FOSC News & Views.” Mimi suggested MALT website review for drop down menus and links. Mimi would like the website to link to her Facebook site with her open space photos

Action item: Ryan to meet with website developer to discuss preliminary ideas; FOSC members begin collecting pictures and information for website upload

November meeting: FOSC members finalize and commit on drop down menus and tabs; schedule next steps; goal is website launch in January

5. Update regarding promoting website and post-card in lieu of newsletter

Mimi passed out postcard mock-up. Goal is January for postcard & website launch. Discussion of color photo of Fairfax open space on one side; mailout to 4400 households.

**Action items: Mimi- cost of current license for mailing and postage
Ryan – postcard cost and recycled paper
Ryan – delegated to choose the open space photo**

6. Update on Maps – Map Subcommittee

Mimi presented final laminated open space map and smaller copies. FOSC members gave kudos for a job well done.

Motion passed unanimously to get 12 laminated smaller size (11 x 17) copies made (will be provided to each FOSC member)

Action items: Mimi & Ruth – ask Larry Kennings for 1) to send digitized PDF of the map and 2) is it a GIS map?

7. Report on Fairfax Picnic fundraising – Mimi - \$128 made at the Fairfax Picnic

8. Status of Boards and Commissions Resolution and/or discussions with Town Manager – Jack

Jack passed out Resolution 9-70 adopted by the Town Council. It included most of the language FOSC requested.

Action item: Jack will ask Michael Rock to confer with FOSC on purchases using FOSC funds

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Acquisitions – Helen reported:

Marin Town and Country Club property is under consideration as a new public school (there are also 2 other sites being considered) and that Larry Bragman suggested speaking at the Ross Valley School Board meeting. Kathy Wilkie stated that there is June ballot measure.

Action item: Mimi – draft letter to the School Board to preserve T&C for open space; Helen – find out date of next school board meeting.

Ben Ross property – off the table at this time

Lutheran Church on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. – they own 20 acres; proposing 5 acres for senior housing with the remainder donated to the town for open space

Flyer from Niccolo – this is the property across from Berg's - \$99,000

Raker Property – Frank Eggar is looking into the status of the property (probate or other)

Evelyn David property – adjoins Ben Ross property. Suggests offering her a similar amount as the tax foreclosure property FOSC is attempting to purchase- suggested \$7500. FOSC members discussed that other properties are higher priority. This item is tabled for discussion at the November meeting.

- b. Fundraising – no report
- c. Governance – no report
- d. Public Outreach – no report
- e. Stewardship – no report

10. Miscellaneous

a. Possible permanent sign on Jolly Hill – Denny’s sign provided. Kathy agreed to permanent sign but not green (this is a designation for safety signs).

Action items: Denny lead on the sign; Kathy to report back at the November meeting or finalize the sign by November meeting.

- b. Good Harvest Festival (Oct. 31, 11-4) – Mimi – FOSC will not participate
- c. General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Open Space Subcommittee Update – Mimi, Ruth

Possible draft for November meeting.

- d. Scheduling next FOSC Meeting – November 24, 2009
- e. Other miscellaneous matters or action items from prior meetings –none

11. Public Expression - none