



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, November 24, 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, Ryan, Ted, Ruth, Jack, Michael

2. Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, October 27, 2009

The minutes were approved unanimously with edits.

3. Treasurer's Report

Ted Bright reported that there is a balance of \$6811.07 in the Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC) checking account at the Bank of America. He also reported that the recent account activity was a deposit of \$1.22 for interest. However, he also reported that he has reverted the checking account back to a non-interest bearing account as the interest is small and the penalty for exceeding the five check limit is far larger in comparison.

Mimi reported that FOSC received \$128 from the Fairfax picnic and \$206 from the Good Festival.

4. Status of efforts to remove collapsed retaining wall within creek by Egger Grove

Kathy Wilkie with the Town of Fairfax could not attend this meeting and provide a status report.

Action Item: Mimi will forward the status report via email to the FOSC members when received from Kathy Wilkie.

5. Sign for Jolly Hill

Kathy Wilkie was also not present to provide an update on the sign for Jolly Hill.

6. Update on Website

Action Item: Ryan will come up with a new logo for the proposed FOSC Website such as the trees shown on the FOSC tote bags.

Action Item: Mimi and Barbara will find more text and photos for the new Website.

7. Update regarding promoting Website and post-card in lieu of newsletter:
Mimi showed a sample postcard with a photo of open space on the front side with a message on the back side inviting people to visit the new FOSC Website. The postcard size is 4 and one-quarter inches by 6 inches. Ruth provided estimated prices of a postcard being sent to all residences (using a regular postcard stamp and a specific address) versus a postcard using a permit that is addressed to Fairfax Resident for seven and a half delivery routes. Using a 28 cent postcard stamp addressed to 3785 residences the cost is estimated at \$1,059.80. Using a mailing permit (activation fee of \$185.) with the cost per postcard at .256 cents (for 3785 residences at \$986.96) the total is \$1,153.96.

8. General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Open Space Subcommittee Update

Mimi reported that the Open Space Element is almost done.

Action Item: Mimi will email out the first draft of the Open Space Element to all members of the FOSC.

Action Item: Mimi and Ruth will be updating the list of properties for potential acquisition.

9. Schedule for next FOSC meeting

Due to the potential lack of quorum for a December meeting a few days before the Christmas holiday, it was decided to cancel the December FOSC meeting and resume the regular meeting schedule on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

10. Subcommittee Reports
a. Acquisitions

Action Item: Jack will provide a status report on the tax delinquent properties at the January meeting.

Action Item: Mimi will agendize the Evelyn David property (which is adjacent to the Ben Ross property) for the next FOSC meeting to potentially ask the Fairfax Town Council for approval to purchase this property for a nominal amount.

Action Item: Mimi and Ruth will prepare packets of information about this property that will include google Earth maps and aerial photos. (Also, an arranged visit by FOSC members will be encouraged in the future.)

The Berg property is in mediation.

Action Item: Mimi will ask the Town Council to provide FOSC with an update on the Berg property.

It was reported that the Egger Grove may need to be annexed into the Town of Fairfax.

Action Item: Helen and Ruth will talk with Jim Moore about the potential Egger Grove annexation and report back to FOSC.

The Ross Valley School District Board is investigating the potential purchase of at least part of the Marin Town and Country Club property.

Action Item: Mimi will prepare a draft letter for review by the Fairfax Town Council to the RVSD Board regarding concerns for preserving open space at the property.

b. Fundraising – no report

c. Governance – no report

d. Public Outreach – no report

e. Stewardship – no report

11. Miscellaneous

Mimi announced that Denise Ferry has resigned as a member of the FOSC.

Action Item: Mimi will inform the Town Council that there is one opening on the FOSC.

Action Item: Ryan will develop the new FOSC logo that can be used on trail signs and also for such things as certificates of appreciation. (For example, the FOSC logo could be used on a “see-thru” plaque that could be provided as an expression of appreciation for service to FOSC.)

12. Public Expression - none