



**MINUTES**  
**FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**16 Park Road / Youth & Senior Center, Fairfax, CA 94930**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 7:30 PM**

**Fairfax Open Space Members:**

Nancy Rogers – Acting Chair	Jack Judkins
Michael Ardito	Chris Powers
Ray Burgarella	Hannah Salaverry ( <i>ex officio member</i> )
Ruth Horn	

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.** Acting Chair Nancy Rogers called the meeting to order. Those present included members Nancy Rogers, Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins and Chris Powers, former member and treasurer Ted Bright. Ex officio and youth member Hannah Salaverry was absent. Guests included Bill Carey, J.P. Rose, Myron Walters, San Anselmo Open Space co-chair Jonathan Braun, Marin Open Space Trusts' Ralph Mihan, and Ross Valley Sanitary District member and former Fairfax mayor Frank Egger.
- 2. Approval of Agenda for December 1, 2015 and Minutes from October 27, 2015 meeting.** Today's agenda was unanimously approved with the change of having the discussion about the Wall property advanced to immediately after the "open time for public expressions" on the agenda to accommodate the guests and their topic of interest at the meeting. The draft minutes from the October 27, 2015 meeting were not yet available and this was postponed to the January meeting of FOSC.
- 3. Open Time for Public Expressions** (*The public is welcome to address the Committees at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Committees are 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.*) None present other than for agenda items.
- 4. Discussion and possible action for FOSC fundraiser on Friday, December 11, 2015 regarding 19 Broadway Event with Olive & Dirty Martinis** – Nancy Rogers. Final plans, preparations and assignments were discussed for the major fundraiser the following week. Nancy Rogers, Chris Powers and others are using social media (such as Facebook) as one way to advertise and promote the event. Printed posters are being distributed at various locations around town. Chris Powers will create the production schedule for the evening's event. He will also promote via NextDoor. Ardito submitted news release to local papers and received coverage in the *Marin Independent Journal*.
- 5. FOSC Continuing Business – discussion and possible action on:**
  - **Update regarding Wall Property.** The discussion centered around the clarity and accuracy of the appraised value for any part of the Wall property that may become available for possible sale to the community for open space. The owner, Mr. Marshall Rothman, is planning to do another workshop for the community. Additional information is available on the website: [FairfaxWallProperty.com](http://FairfaxWallProperty.com).
  - **Two-Year Annual Report to Town Council** – Michael Ardito. With some final fact-checking needed, the draft report was approved for submission to the Fairfax Town Council.
  - **Parcel across creek from Egger Grove– potential acquisition project.** Frank Egger volunteered to do some research and get back to FOSC with information.
- 6. Report from Bay Area Open Space conference workshop on November 19, 2015** – Michael Ardito. FOSC member Ardito attended this conference on behalf of FOSC and provided copies of the conference handout to FOSC members. Key information included an update about the Priority

Conservation Area grants and the need to apply to the “Congestion Management Agency” which for Marin is the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). TAM also implements Measure A. Judkins volunteered to find out more information about the grant opportunity via TAM and report back to FOSC. Ardito also reported that the nine Bay Area counties will have a regional measure on the June 7, 2016 ballot for bay restoration and to create buffers to protect land from flooding from sea level rise. If passed, the measure will place a \$12 annual parcel tax for 20 years and will raise about \$500 million. Bay Area environmental groups promoting the measure are looking for ballot endorsements. Ardito will check to see if FOSC and/or the Fairfax Town Council will be asked to endorse.

7. **Announcements of upcoming holiday events** – Michael Ardito. Almost daily events are scheduled in and around Fairfax for the December holidays. Michael encouraged FOSC members to participate as one way to interact with members of the community.
8. **Discussion and possible action on Updated Approach to Fundraising** – Chris Powers. This discussion will be reintroduced after this month’s fundraiser to determine any “lessons learned.”
9. **FOSC Subcommittee Reports and Assignments (with discussion about gaps from recent member resignations)**. Burgarella will be the caretaker of the binder from former treasurer Ted Bright. Burgarella will “sub” for Ardito as the FOSC representative at the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fairfax Tree Committee (while Ardito is out of California). Ardito volunteered to be the FOSC co-secretary with Ruth Horn to help with development of FOSC agendas, minutes and getting them officially posted. FOSC voted to remove the Governance Subcommittee from our current roster. Judkins joined Burgarella on the FOSC Measure A Subcommittee. Chris Powers was added to the Outreach Subcommittee.
10. **Appointment of Acting Chair – January and February 2016**. Ray Burgarella volunteered to be the FOSC acting chair for January and February. Michael Ardito volunteered to be the FOSC acting chair for June, July and August 2016. March, April and May still need to have a FOSC acting chair.
11. **Discussion and possible action on FOSC Membership** (decrease number or adding youth members). FOSC is still has three open positions after the reduction of members to nine. We will continue to recruit new members and will discuss the issue of reduction of members again in January.
12. **Quorum Call and/or Rescheduling of FOSC meeting for January 26, 2016**. Due to our lack of three members, FOSC needs five out of six members present to reach a quorum. Ardito reported he would be out of California for the regularly scheduled FOSC meeting on January 26. FOSC voted to move the meeting up a week to January 19, 2016 which also would be closer to the rescheduled FOSC meeting combining the November / December 2015 meetings.
13. **Certificates of Appreciation for recent, former FOSC members** – Michael Ardito. Upon Ardito’s suggestion, FOSC voted for the annual presentation to recently retiring FOSC members to be moved up to next week’s fundraiser from the annual Give Back Tuesday in June at Iron Springs. Former FOSC chair Mimi Newton, Treasurer Ted Bright, Secretary Susan Adams, and members Nancy Morita and Mia Andler will be honored.
14. **Members Expressions**. Ardito will pick up the FOSC banner from Mimi Newton prior to December 11<sup>th</sup> fundraiser. Judkins will research possible development on the Raker property.
15. **Adjournment** was at approximately 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Ardito.