



MINUTES
SPECIAL FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Lauren Hinxmann
Chris Borjian	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Ray Burgarella, Treasurer	Jack Judkins, Actng Chair
Charles Cornwell	Susan Pascal Beran
Chance Cutrano	Lili Secord, Youth Member (ex officio)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Jack Judkins, Acting Chair
Present: Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Charles Cornwell, Chance Cutrano, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran
Absent: Chris Borjian, Lili Secord
Guests: Pamela Miegs and Stephen Keese
- 2. Approval of Agenda for December 5 and Minutes from September 26 and October 24, 2017.** Tonight's agenda was approved and the minutes from September 26 were approved. Michael Ardito requested that the review and approval of minutes for October 24 be postponed until the January meeting.
- 3. FOSC Continuing Business** – updates, discussion and possible action on:
 - **Lutheran Church property update** (and open space acquisition of back 18 acres). Jack will contact the Fairfax Planning Department regarding the trail behind the Lutheran Church that is not appearing on maps.
 - **Wall property / Marinda Heights updates, next steps and outreach** (potential open space acquisition). Reportedly owner Marshal Rothman filed for his project application on November 13, but the application is not yet complete. FOSC will be tasked to provide comments regarding the open space component. Susan Pascal Beran will keep tabs on this FOSC task and progress of the CEQA and EIR. Jack Judkins reminded us that the Town's General Plan does not permit development on the designated ridgelines.
 - **Ben Ross property / 200 Toyon Road.** Jack Judkins attended the Fairfax Planning Commission meeting in November when this matter was discussed. The permit application was rejected due to concerns such as the wildland/urban interface, the need for multiple variances and the broad non-compliance with Town development standards.
- 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.*) None.
- 5. Treasurer's Report and Follow-up** (possible action): Ray Burgarella reported that he will be resigning soon from FOSC. Charles Cornwell expressed interest in taking over the role of FOSC treasurer. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the next FOSC meeting.

Ray's final treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$24,897.54. This includes recent donations of \$40 at the Town Picnic; \$25 donation received in October thru the mail; and \$40 in sales of the new FOSC water bottles.

6. **FOSC Participation in Rescheduled Biketoberfest on November 4, 2017.** We expressed appreciation to all the volunteers helping at the FOSC information and merchandise booth during the rescheduled Biketoberfest. Volunteers besides some current FOSC members included former FOSC Chair Mimi Newton; and Mike Rogers, spouse of former FOSC member Nancy Rogers. Reportedly, all the vintage FOSC bandanas were distributed via the "Spin to Win" game, but many vintage FOSC T-shirts are still available.
7. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito will tally the current count of remaining FOSC water bottles and inform the other FOSC members. He will also contact former FOSC member Ryan O'Neal about a minimum order of new FOSC ball caps with the new FOSC logo and possibly a lighter fabric.
8. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers** (discussion and possible action): No discussion.
9. **Proposition 1 Grant Solicitation from Coastal Conservancy** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran submitted a grant proposal on October 31 with approval of Town Manager Garrett Toy. The grant project would survey natural and historical springs in the Fairfax area. It was discussed this could become a stronger proposal and project if it is combined with a study of San Anselmo hydrogeology.
10. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). This matter will be reviewed at the next FOSC meeting.
11. **Quorum Check for Next FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018** (Note: December regular meeting cancelled due to holidays.) Chance Cutrano reported he will not be available for the January meeting. Even so, it appears FOSC will have a quorum.
12. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals)
13. **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
14. **Status of Two-Year FOSC Annual Report 2015-17:** Michael Ardito has postponed this item to 2018.
15. **Update of General Plan Inventory of Priority Open Space Properties to include all ABAG-approved "Priority Conservation Areas":** Jack Judkins reported that Chris Borjian is interested in identifying our Priority Conservation Areas by parcel numbers as a first step to updating the General Plan.
16. **Implementation of General Plan Open Space Element including identification of recreational trails and priority open space lands.** Jack Judkins suggested that although this is an important project, it be deferred to the future.
17. **FOSC Members Expressions.** Jack Judkins gave kudos to *Bay Nature* magazine. We need to check to see if the magazine is available in the Fairfax library.
18. **Adjournment** at 9:10 p.m.