



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Chris Powers, Acting Chair
Ray Burgarella, Treasurer	Nancy Rogers
Sara Dudley	Michael Simler
Jack Judkins	Allie Ross (<i>ex officio</i> youth member)
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary	Lily Williams (<i>ex officio</i> youth member)

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chris Powers, Acting Chair
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Sara Dudley, Jack Judkins, Ruth Horn, Chris Powers, Nancy Rogers, Michael Simler, Allie Ross. Members Absent: Ray Burgarella, Lily Williams.
2. **Approval of Agenda for December 6, 2016 and Minutes for October 25, 2016 meeting.**
Both approved with one revision for the minutes from the October 25 meeting – the estimated available balance of the Town’s FOSC fund was deleted due to discrepancy that needs to be reconciled in early 2017.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Ray Burgarella. Postponed to 2017 due to absence of treasurer.
4. **FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
 - **Lutheran Church property update** (and potential open space acquisition of back 18 acres). Michael Ardito was tasked by FOSC to contact Linda Neal in Town of Fairfax Planning Department this week and request that she include a copy of the FOSC comment letter of August 10, 2016 regarding the open space element for next week’s agenda packets for the Planning Commission members regarding the Victory Village development proposal for affordable senior housing located at the current site of Christ the Victor Lutheran Church in Fairfax. Ardito was also tasked to provide FOSC members with the website link to the Marin Independent Journal front page news story dated December 4 at: www.marinij.com/government-and-politics/20161204/fairfax-senior-housing-project-nears-key-vote-by-planning-board
 - **Wall Property update** (potential open space acquisition). None.
5. **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.*) Guest introduction: Lauren Hinxmann, potential FOSC member applicant.
6. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action). The Outreach / Fundraising Subcommittee is now meeting prior to each FOSC meeting. Chris Powers is working on the roll-out of the new FOSC logo. The Subcommittee desires to have a fundraising campaign over the next six to nine months.

7. **Quorum Call for FOSC meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017; proposed FOSC agenda for January 24:** It appears that FOSC will be able to have a quorum for the January 24 meeting. Michael Ardito will need to submit the proposed FOSC agenda earlier than usual prior to the next meeting due to his absence from California and USA in mid-January.
8. **Review of FOSC Acting Chair Schedule for January thru March 2017; Requests for April thru June 2017.** Chris Powers will serve as Acting Chair thru January. Jack Judkins will serve as Acting Chair for February and March. Sara Dudley has volunteered to serve as Acting Chair for April thru June.
9. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; the General Plan Implementation Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals)
10. **Fairfax creeks clean-up activities** (discussion and possible action): Sara Dudley agreed to reach out to the Fairfax Volunteer Committee as a liaison for coordination with FOSC and combined projects.
11. **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 was tasked to contact Brian Crawford of SAOSC regarding the date(s) for broom pulls at Sky Ranch. (Subsequently, he learned the first event was scheduled for Saturday, January 14.)
12. **Draft FOSC annual report for fiscal year 2015-16:** Michael Ardito has postponed this to early 2017.
13. **Update of General Plan Inventory of Priority Open Space Properties to include all ABAG-approved "Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)":** Jack Judkins and Michael Simler. In order to update the General Plan Inventory, the General Plan requires that the properties be specifically identified and characterized with respect to specified open space attributes. Michael Simler has begun the initial step in this process of identifying PCAs by parcel number (the PCA process located the parcels on a map, but did not provide APNs). After that is completed, general information about the open space characteristics of the properties will be prepared.
14. **Implementation of General Plan Open Space Element including identification of recreational trails and priority open space lands:** Jack Judkins indicated that this task will require significant effort. Although it is an important item, it should be deferred to a later meeting, following completion of the update of the General Plan Inventory.
15. **FOSC Members Expressions:** Ruth Horn has requested that a FOSC broom pull also be scheduled for the Upper Ridgeway Trail area.
16. **Adjournment** was at 9:10 p.m.