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FAIRFAX and SAN ANSELMO OPEN SPACE COMMITTEES SPECIAL COMBINED MEETING

Fairfax Women's Club, 46 Park Road, Fairfax, CA 94930

Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 7:00 PM

Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC) Members:

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

San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC) Members:

Jonathan Braun, Co-Chair	Daniel Krebs
Chris Brown	Karen Ludwig
Leonard Charles	Stanley Radtke, Co-Chair
Connor Clark, youth member	Kathleen Sanders, Treasurer
Brian Crawford	Amy Skewes-Cox
Linda Hoch, secretary	Rene Voss
Peter Horn	

Michael Ardito (FOSC) and Jonathan Braun / Stanley Radtke (SAOSC) co-chaired the combined meeting.

Introductions (circa 7:00 p.m.)

Fairfax Open Space Committee members present: Michael Ardito (acting chair); Ruth Horn (co-secretary); Chris Powers; Michael Simler. There was no quorum for Fairfax due to two members out for health issues and one member away on travel. Guests for Fairfax were Barbara Coler, Town Council member and FOSC liaison; Sara Dudley (prospective FOSC member applicant).

San Anselmo Open Space Committee members present: Jonathan Braun (co-chair); Connor Clark (youth member); Brian Crawford; Linda Hoch (secretary); Peter Horn; Daniel Krebs; Karen Ludwig; Stanley Radtke (co-chair); Kathleen Sanders (treasurer); Rene Voss.

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Michael Ardito, acting chair for FOSC, with a welcome to San Anselmo members for attending this year's combined meeting. **There was unanimous approval of the special combined meeting agenda for Aug. 17, 2016.**
2. **Seasonal work event collaborations for pulling invasive broom.** There was a discussion about possible collaboration between the two committees to help one another with annual pulling of invasive broom at significant open space areas. For example, San Anselmo's Red Hill Trail, Memorial Ridge, and Sky Ranch as well as Fairfax's Jolly Hill are usually in need of having broom pulled. There was talk of collaborating and recruiting volunteers, such as students at Drake High School, to receive school credit for community service by December (for seniors) or early in the school year. For additional coordination, Marin County Open Space and the Sheriff's Work Program were also mentioned. Typically, the Ross Valley Fire Department has mechanical broom pullers available for loaning to FOSC and SAOSC. As a pilot for collaborating between the two committees, Brian Crawford of SAOSC was identified as the lead person for organizing and scheduling a possible broom pull in mid-November for a site such as Red Hill Trail. Fairfax will try to schedule a follow-up (from previous years) broom pull at Jolly Hill in the spring of 2017.
3. **Announcements were made regarding upcoming community events:** (a) San Anselmo Country Fair Day and Parade on Sunday, Sept. 25; (b) Fairfax Streets for People on Sunday, August 28; (c) Fairfax Town Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 18; (d) other pertinent events.

4. **FOSC Year-in-Review** (since last August). Michael Ardito reported on the excellent collaboration with SAOSC and MOST for fund-raising that culminated a year ago with Marin County's purchase of Sky Ranch. Since then, two FOSC fundraisers were held in Fairfax: another benefit music concert at 19 Broadway last December at which about \$3,500 was raised. Another \$474 was raised at the annual Give Back Tuesday at Iron Springs in June. FOSC has begun to perform reviews on open space elements for pertinent proposals at the Fairfax Planning Department. Most recently that included providing comments about the Lutheran Church property on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard where affordable senior housing has been proposed. Fairfax is also in the midst of holding Town Center Plan workshops that are garnering a lot of attention. The next workshop will be Saturday, October 1. FOSC had significant turnover of members in the last year: Mimi Newton, chair for seven years, was appointed to the Fairfax Planning Commission and resigned from FOSC. Treasurer Ted Bright and Secretary Susan Adams retired from volunteer service with FOSC.
5. **SAOSC Year-in-Review** (since last August). Jonathan Braun provided details of the successful purchase and restoration of Sky Ranch last year. The 26th annual SAOSC dinner, presentation and auction fundraiser, with about 100 in attendance, earned about \$6,200 in April. In the last year, SAOSC moved its funds from an account with the Marin Community Foundation into a separate account. SAOSC has been attentive with the county's outreach for adoption of the Marin Roads and Trails Management Plan to establish baseline management of the trail system. In particular, SAOSC has been tuned into the workshops for rollout of the regional plan impacting San Anselmo open space.
6. **Collaborations or Networking between FOSC and SAOSC.** Michael Ardito mentioned, mostly for the benefit of FOSC members, but as a reminder for SAOSC members already aware of opportunities to collaborate with: the Marin Open Space Trust; Marin County Parks and Open Space Commission which typically meets every other month (odd-numbered months) on the third Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Marin County Supervisors' chambers; the Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee (which typically meets on the second Thursday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the MCL office at 175 North Redwood Drive, Suite 135 in San Rafael); and the Bay Area Open Space Council that holds an annual conference (in May at the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond) and occasional workshops in Berkeley.
7. **Open Time for Comment:** (a) FOSC and SAOSC Members' Expressions: (b) Public comments. *(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.

Committees then addressed independent business separately.

Continuation of Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting (8:15 p.m. approximately)

8. **Approval of FOSC minutes from June 28, 2016 and July 26, 2016 meetings.** Postponed to next meeting due to lack of quorum.
9. **Treasurer's Report** – Ray Burgarella. Postponed to next meeting when Ray is present.
10. **Draft annual report to Town Council** – Michael Ardito. The draft report is still in development and is postponed to a future FOSC meeting.
11. **New business:** There was a request from Fairfax Town Planning Department for FOSC help in identifying open spaces in and around Fairfax. Ruth Horn, with the most knowledge of this project, was designated as the most appropriate FOSC member to help the Planning Department with this project.
12. **Reports from Boards, Committees and Subcommittees** (including the Tree Committee; the General Plan Implementation Committee; special committees for reviewing specific housing developments with open space components). *Special Subcommittee:* As follow-up to the July FOSC meeting, the subcommittee set-up to provide comments on the Lutheran Church redevelopment project met August 4 and submitted a letter to the Planning Department on August 10. *Tree*

Committee: Michael Ardito, FOSC representative to the Fairfax Tree Committee, reported that he will be having surgery in mid-November, with several weeks of recovery. Ardito will need a substitute FOSC member to conduct inspections and attend the Tree Committee for the Monday, November 28th meeting and Chris Powers volunteered to serve that role.

13. **FOSC outreach strategies; Fairfax Town Picnic** (discussion and possible action). It was determined that only a very few members would be available to help manage a FOSC information booth at the Fairfax Town Picnic on Sunday, September 18 so it was not practical for FOSC to request booth space this year. FOSC will revisit the opportunity for September 2017.
14. **Quorum call and agenda items for September 27, 2016 FOSC meeting.** Not determined.
15. **FOSC meeting calendar and acting chairs for remainder of 2016.** Discussion and possible action postponed until next meeting.
16. **FOSC Members Expressions.** Michael Ardito reported that Jim Moore of the Fairfax Planning Department provided a copy of the Town Center Workshop booklet to FOSC. It is available to be shared among FOSC members prior to the next workshop on October 1. Ruth Horn borrowed it first. Michael Ardito reported that youth member applicant Allie Ross was not available to attend an interview with the Town Council this month but will try for the Council meeting in September.
17. **Adjournment** and clean-up of Fairfax Women's Club. (approximately 9:15 p.m.).