



**MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7 p.m.

By Teleconference and Videoconference Only

Fairfax Open Space Members:

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| Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary | Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary |
| Geoffrey Bolt | Jack Judkins, Vice Chair |
| Chris Borjian | Susan Pascal Beran, Chair |
| Heather Duplaisir | Dylann Cullinane, Youth Member (ex officio) |
| Diego Gonzalez, Treasurer | |

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Agenda Preamble / Land Acknowledgement: *The Fairfax Open Space Committee acknowledges that we are located on the un-ceded ancestral lands of the Coast Miwok people of present-day Marin County. We honor with gratitude the land itself and all of its ancestors: past, present and emerging.*

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (Started at 7:05 p.m.)

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Geoffrey Bolt, Heather Duplaisir, Diego Gonzalez, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, Dylann Cullinane (youth member). Quorum reached. *Member Absent:* Christopher Borjian
Guests on Zoom: None.
2. **Approval of Agenda and affidavit of posting.** Approved.
3. **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.
4. **Hillside Pipeline Trail Public Access** (status update and discussion). Jack Judkins reported that he and Diego Gonzalez recently went to the Hillside Pipeline Trail. It does not appear there is an issue now, but if the property owner closes the gate and blocks trail access, there may be the potential for the issue to be activated. If so, it was suggested that a neighborhood survey may be necessary. Jack Judkins made a motion, seconded by Geoffrey Bolt, to pre-authorize the cost of up to \$500 for a survey, if necessary. The motion was passed unanimously.
5. **Town-owned open space property still mistakenly zoned as residential zoning:** Chance Cutrano, FOSC liaison from Town Council (status update and discussion). Postponed to future meeting.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Diego Gonzalez has announced his resignation from FOSC as he will be moving out of Fairfax to Nevada City, CA in June. The duties of a treasurer will be discussed at the next meeting. There will be a need fill the treasurer roles as soon as possible. Michael Ardito will be the temporary caretaker of the FOSC cashbox as he currently has it from the Fairfax Earth Day event receipts on Saturday, April 23. On Monday, April 25, Ardito delivered to the Fairfax Town Hall Finance Department the \$304.02 cash received from the sales of FOSC T-shirts and water bottles as well as donations. At this time, we do not know how much money was received via online Pay Pal option thru the QR code. Apparently, Michael Vivrette is the only person who can access the donations from PayPal. Thank you notes from FOSC may need to be sent for donations over the sales of FOSC goods for tax deduction purposes.
7. **Earth Day events with FOSC:** Heather Duplaisir (report of activities on April 22-23). Kudos were expressed to Susan Pascal Beran (FOSC Chair and "Artist in Resident") and other people for a very wonderful and successful Fairfax Earth Day event in Bolinas Park.
8. **City Nature Challenge / Bio-Blitz on April 29 to May 2:** (discussion and possible action with assignment of duties and schedule of events): Heather Duplaisir encouraged FOSC members to register for the Bio-Blitz event. The Bio-Blitz flyer for the Marinda Heights event on Saturday, April 30 was emailed to all FOSC members. All participants will be encouraged to share information and the Bio-Blitz experience following the event with an optional lunch at Split Rock.
9. **Plans for FOSC Participation in 2022 Fairfax Festival** (discussion and possible actions with assignment of duties and schedule of events). FOSC has agreed to have an information booth as part of the Ecofest in the ball field area during this year's Fairfax Festival on June 11-12. Michael Ardito will reply to Festival chair Alison Fitzpatrick to provide the necessary information on the application. The Town will provide a tent for FOSC at no charge. FOSC will bring its own table cloth and display items.
10. **High School Environmental Science Projects** (student status reports). FOSC youth member Dylann Cullinane will be one of the project participants to report about the recent invasive Scotch broom pull on Bald Hill / Sky Ranch. The Archie Williams High School environmental science projects will be presented on Thursday, May 19 from 6-8 p.m. at the student center. Susan Pascal Beran took videos that will be on Marin TV with a YouTube link. Michael Ardito also plans to attend these environmental science presentations.

- 11. FOSC Annual Goals Status for 2021-22, Progress Reports and Assignments from FOSC Committees / Subcommittees** (discussion, possible actions and reassignments): Acquisitions; Governance; Stewardship; Community Outreach & Fundraising; Measure A. Each Subcommittee is being tasked to submit draft progress reports about the 2021-22 goals accomplished. Each Subcommittee needs to establish goals for the state/local fiscal year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Regarding Measure A, FOSC members can only endorse it as individuals, not as an entity.
- 12. Update on FOSC Social Media Accounts** (discussion and possible actions for reactivating the accounts). We have not been successful reaching former FOSC chair Lauren Hinxman about the social media links and passwords. FOSC may need to re-establish accounts and passwords.
- 13. FOSC Outreach, Merchandise, Storage of Materials, Photo Survey Project, and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible actions for future events). Michael Ardito will reach out to John Reed and Nick Nutu to ask about possible dates this summer or fall for leading nature hikes in the Fairfax vicinity.
- 14. Reports of activities from partner agencies** such as San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC); Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee; Together Bay Area; One Tam; Friends of Corte Madera Creek: FOSC representatives (discussion). Heather Duplaisir will represent FOSC at this year's in-person Together Bay Area (formerly Bay Area Open Space) conference in Richmond the week of May 17-20.
- 15. FOSC Agenda Request Form and Walk-Thru:** Diego Gonzalez provided a walk-thru of the FOSC agenda form. That Google form is easy to use, but users need to have or register for a Google account to access. Users will not need a Gmail account. Jack Judkins will be the owner of the form. Jack, Susan Pascal Beran and Michael Ardito will have form editor access. The form will need to be linked to the Town's FOSC website.
- 16. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes from February and March 2022** (discussion and possible approval action): Geoffrey Bolt suggested additional information and revisions to the February 22 meeting minutes. Those minutes with his revisions were then approved for finalization. The March 22 meeting minutes (recently sent to FOSC members) will be revisited for approval at the May meeting.
- 17. Next Regular FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 (possibly hybrid at Fairfax Women's Club):** Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible actions): It was determined that FOSC would not have a meeting quorum on May 24. The alternate date of Tuesday, May 17 was selected. (However, it was later determined that date would not be available for an in-person meeting at the Fairfax Women's Club. The meeting was then rescheduled for a "special" FOSC meeting on Tuesday evening, May 31, 2022.)
- 18. FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions). Michael Ardito suggested an uplifting card signed by FOSC members should be sent to FOSC former long-time treasurer Ted Bright.
- 19. Adjournment was at 8:52** (by Jack Judkins, Vice Chair, as the Zoom meeting link coincidentally crashed at that time when the meeting was ending.)