



MEETING MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 7 p.m. in-person meeting only
Fairfax Women's Club, 46 Park Road, Fairfax, CA 94930

Fairfax Open Space Members:

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)

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.*

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA (Starts at 7 p.m.)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair, opened the meeting at approximately 7 p.m. held in the side patio at the Fairfax Women's Club
Members present: Michael Ardito, Geoffrey Bolt, Heather Duplaisir, Ruth Horn, Susan Pascal Beran (quorum achieved).
Members absent: Chris Borjian, Jack Judkins
Guests: Teddy Catrini, Joe Franaszek
- 2. Approval of Agenda and affidavit of posting.** The agenda was approved and had been publicly posted by Friday, May 27.
- 3. Town-owned open space property still mistakenly zoned as residential zoning:** Chance Cutrano, FOSC liaison from Town Council (status update and discussion). This item was postponed until the next meeting due to the absence of Town Councilmember Chance Cutrano.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Discussion about filling FOSC Treasurer position. Former FOSC Treasurer Diego Gonzalez recently resigned and will be moving out of Fairfax in the next few days. Michael Ardito already has the FOSC cashbox. Diego Gonzalez will be passing along the FOSC Treasurer records to either Ardito or Jack Judkins before he moves from Fairfax.
- 5. Bio-Blitz and City Nature Challenge on April 29 to May 2:** (report): Heather Duplaisir reported that five people in addition to FOSC members participated in the Bio-Blitz using iNaturalist at the Wall property / Marinda Heights on Saturday morning, April 30 – including a high school student from Marin Catholic. Heather wants to collaborate with One Tam for a future Bio-Blitz. The next Bio-Blitz event was scheduled for Sunday, June 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Elliott Nature Preserve (ENP). Geoffrey Bolt mentioned that about 15 cars would be able to park along Cascade and Canyon roads before the bridge and the ENP. (Footnote: This event was canceled about a week in advance due to extenuating circumstances and was rescheduled for Sunday, August 6 from 4 to 6 p.m.)
- 6. Plans for FOSC Participation in 2022 Fairfax Festival** (discussion and possible actions with assignment of duties and schedule of events). A sign-up sheet was passed around for FOSC booth duty during the Fairfax Festival on June 11 and 12. (Footnote: A few days in advance, FOSC canceled participation in the Fairfax Festival for this year due to several illnesses amongst FOSC members and the lack of volunteers for booth coverage.)
- 7. High School Environmental Science Projects** (student status reports). Michael Ardito attended this excellent event at Archie Williams High School on Thursday evening, May 19. There was a great news

article about this event that day in the Marin Independent Journal. Fairfax Town Council Member Barbara Coler provided the outstanding keynote address with a PowerPoint presentation. Michael Ardito mentioned that Barbara and her presentation could possibly be used as a FOSC-sponsored lecture night event sometime in the future at the Fairfax Women's Club. One of the 20 or so environmental science projects on display at the event was done by FOSC youth member Dylann Cullinane and her project partner Margot Catrini. The student project was "Plants Are Punk" which included a "broom pull" of invasive species at the Sky Ranch / Bald Hill Open Space in the Fairfax / San Anselmo border with help from the Marin County Parks and Open Space on Saturday morning, April 16.

- 8. 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. We will await a Measure A verbal report from Jack Judkins at the next FOSC meeting.
- 9. Update on FOSC Social Media Accounts** (discussion and possible actions for reactivating the accounts). Heather Duplaisir volunteered to look into reactivating the FOSC Facebook and Instagram accounts. We may not be reactivating the Twitter account in the near future.
- 10. FOSC Outreach, Merchandise, Storage of Materials, Photo Survey Project, and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible actions for future events). Michael Ardito volunteered to reach out to John Reed and Nick Nutu about leading future nature hikes in or near Fairfax this summer or early fall.
- 11. 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 (report from Heather Duplaisir); One Tam; Friends of Corte Madera Creek: FOSC representatives (discussion). Heather Duplaisir provided a verbal report about attending the Together Bay Area conference in mid-May. Susan Pascal Beran volunteered to reach out to SAOSC regarding a combined meeting sometime in August. This in-person meeting and potluck dinner event has not occurred since 2019, per-pandemic. This year it would be the FOSC turn to host an in-person meeting.
- 12. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes from March and April 2022** (discussion and possible approval action): Michael Ardito had previously emailed the April 26, 2022 draft FOSC meeting minutes on May 29, but it was decided to allow more time for FOSC member review. The FOSC meeting minutes from March 22, 2022 was approved for finalizing and posting.
- 13. Next Regular FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022:** Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action). It appears we will have a quorum. Next time we may want to try our first-ever FOSC hybrid meeting (in-person and Zoom). Heather Duplaisir volunteered to help us manage a successful hybrid meeting.
- 14. FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions). Michael Ardito reported that FOSC certificates of appreciation were signed and provided to FOSC retiring youth member Dylann Cullinane, treasurer Diego Gonzalez, and member Brad Handel in the last several weeks. Someone mentioned that the Wall property was no longer listed for sale on Zillow. Someone else mentioned that FOSC should help with community creation of murals.
- 15. Appointment of Youth Member** (discussion and action). Teddy Catrini, a current 10th grader at Archie Williams High School, attended his first full FOSC meeting tonight and was unanimously appointed as the new FOSC youth member. On Tuesday evening, May 17, at the Fairfax Library, he previously met with the FOSC interview panel (Susan Pascal Beran, Jack Judkins, Michael Ardito, and youth member Dylann Cullinane).
- 16. Adjournment** was at 8:30 p.m.