



Town of Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
In-person at the Fairfax Women's Club
46 Park Road, Fairfax, CA 94930



Fairfax Open Space Members

Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Jack Judkins, Vice Chair
Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Christine Kelly, Treasurer

Geoff Bolt
Teddy Catrini
Joe Franaszek
Corina Karr, Youth Member (ex officio)

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.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order at 7 p.m. / Roll Call / Approval of Agenda / Appointment of Timekeeper for this meeting – Chair Susan Pascal Beran called the meeting to order at 7:03.** Teddy Catrini was appointed the timekeeper for this meeting.

Members Present: Susan Pascal Beran, Michael Ardito, Ruth Horn, Christine Kelly, Teddy Catrini, Joe Franaszek, youth member Corina Karr (quorum received)

Members Absent: Jack Judkins, Geoff Bolt

Guests included: Town Councilmember Chance Cutrano, liaison to FOSC; Tom Boss from the Marin County Bicycle Coalition; John Reed, former Fairfax Town Council Member and applicant for FOSC; Marc Lubomirski, Fairfax resident volunteering to help with the March 9 fundraising event; Maria Pastor, potential FOSC youth member applicant; ten members of Fairfax Mountain Biking Youth (including eight who spoke or provided comments: Fletcher Dundas, Will Fisk, Marcus Kaltreider, Aidan Bennett, Chase Stein, Declan Dundas, Andrew Sumner, and Tom Clifford.) Other speakers were mountain bikers Chris Cook, Taylor Miller, Hayden Israel, as well as Hunter Tumbleson of Sunshine Bicycles, and Mike Nettleton.

2. **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.) Tom Boss and eight youth members of the Fairfax Mountain Biking Youth Club spoke. Also speaking were Chris Cook, Taylor Miller, Hayden Israel, and Mike Nettleton. Please see attached essays provided to FOSC.

3. **Receive updates regarding March 9, 2024 Environmental Speaker Night / FOSC Fundraiser Assignments at Fairfax Women's Club – Susan Pascal Beran** (discussion). Wendy Dreskin, a botanist will be the keynote speaker. Bill Long of Marin Open Space Trust will be there for this event fundraiser for the Wall property. Chance Cutrano has agreed to speak and John Reed will send a presentation about a virtual hike near the Wall property. A FOSC sign-up sheet was passed around for duties on March 9 regarding set-up and clean-up of the event.

4. **Receive Treasurer's Report – Christine Kelly** (discussion). Christine presented a draft resolution for the Town regarding the pursuit of grants for land acquisition. She reported her meeting with Fairfax Finance Director Michael Vivrette indicated the combined Measure A funds and other FOSC funds total about \$165,000. That includes about \$649 recently received thru Pay Pal.
5. **Receive Reports from FOSC Committees and Subcommittees Spokespersons: Acquisitions; Governance; Stewardship; Community Outreach & Fundraising; Measure A** (discussions and next steps) The Special Subcommittee about 615 Oak Manor Drive will meet this Thursday, February 29. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next regular FOSC meeting. Community Outreach is coordinating with the downtown Fairfax Chamber of Commerce regarding the special fundraiser on Saturday late afternoon / evening of March 16 prior to St. Patrick's Day. It is a "Save the Green" fundraiser for the Wall property when participating merchants will be donating 10 to 15 percent of sales to MOST / FOSC. The FOSC Community Outreach & Fundraising Subcommittee is planning to participate in the Fairfax Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 20 in collaboration with the Fairfax Climate Action Committee. The event will be held in the Fairfax Bolinas Park. The primary contact is Jody Timms who is chair of the Climate Action Committee. FOSC is doing preliminary plans to celebrate the FOSC organization's 20th anniversary on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Fairfax Women's Club. It will coincide with the California Governor's declaration that September 7 will be biodiversity day.
6. **Receive Reports of Activities from FOSC Representatives for Partner Agencies** such as San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC); Marin County Parks and Open Space; Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee; Together Bay Area; One Tam; Friends of Corte Madera Creek (discussions and next steps). The San Anselmo Open Space and Marin Open Space Trust are successfully acquiring the Upper Hawthorne Canyon open space that is adjacent to the Fairfax Willow Avenue neighborhood.
7. **Receive FOSC Minutes from Several 2023 and 2024 Meetings for Approval: Michael Ardito** (discussion). This is postponed until the next FOSC meeting.
8. **FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024; quorum check and agenda items: Michael Ardito** (discussion). It appears we will have a quorum on March 26.
9. **FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions). John Reed has applied for the open position as a member of FOSC. His interview with the Fairfax Town Council will be about 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.
10. **Appreciations and Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

This meeting notice was posted in accordance with Government Code section 54954.2(a)(1) on or before February 23, 2024.