



# Town of Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 | 6:30 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  
Joe Franaszek  
John Reed  
Maria Pastor, Youth Member (ex officio)

## MINUTES (draft)

### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA at 6:30 p.m.

FOSC Panel interviews candidate to fill vacant youth member position.

The youth candidate was not able to attend this meeting. So, this item was skipped and rescheduled to a future meeting.

### 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 AGENDA at 7 p.m.

1. **Call to Order at 7 p.m. / Roll Call / Approval of Agenda / Appointment of Timekeeper for this meeting** – Chair Susan Pascal Beran

*Members Present:* Susan Pascal Beran, Jack Judkins, Michael Ardito, Geoff Bolt, Joe Franaszek. Maria Pastor.

*Members Absent:* Ruth Horn, Christine Kelly, John Reed

*Guests included:* Marc Lubomirski, M.W. Walters, Todd Greenberg, A.V. Torres and Rebecca Culbreth  
Maria Pastor was selected to be the timekeeper.

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.)* A.V. Torres and Rebecca Culbreth introduced themselves as somewhat new residents of Fairfax and came to be informed of the Fairfax Open Space Committee.

3. **Receive Updates about Wall Property and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held October 14, 2024** (discussion).

Resident Todd Greenberg asked what now for the Wall property? Who will be the lead for maintenance? Who will patrol the open space to ensure compliance with the rules? He expressed gratitude to FOSC for all the work done to raise funds and acquire the Wall property as open space. He has also requested all Town documents regarding the purchase of the Wall property to ensure transparency for the acquisition. FOSC members made comments about participating in the process for naming or renaming parts or all of the Wall property as one thing the Town Council could delegate to FOSC for taking the lead. A motion was made to send a letter to the Town Council that this task is "right up the alley" for FOSC. Jack Judkins made the motion that was seconded by Geoff Bolt. Joe Franaszek will draft the letter. There were community concerns expressed by MW Walters and others about the need for interpretative signs for the Wall property that will delineate the open space policies for trail use by hikers, mountain bikers, horse back riders, and others.

4. **Receive Treasurer's Report.** This item was postponed to the next meeting due to the absence of Christine Kelly.

5. **Approve expenses for FOSC participation in Fairfax Arts Walk** – Susan Pascal Beran (discussion and action).  
There was approval for the cost and reimbursement of \$184 to Susan Pascal Beran for the FOSC portion of

participation in the recent Fairfax Arts Walk.

6. **Installation and Dedication of Signs for Fairfax Public Open Space Properties** – Michael Ardito (discussion and action). Ardito will reach out to John Reed for contacting Fairfax Public Works Director Loren Umbertis regarding coordination with Frank Egger for the placement and installation of the three redwood signs constructed in September for the Fairfax-owned open space properties.
7. **Receive updates about Carey Camp Creek** – Geoff Bolt (discussion and next steps). No updates.
8. **Consider Creation of FOSC 2025 Docket** – Joe Franaszek (discussion and possible future action). The FOSC Subcommittees will be tasked to develop 2025 work plans prior to the FOSC December meeting that will be coordinated to develop a “FOSC 2025 Docket” of annual goals.
9. **Receive Reports from FOSC Subcommittees Spokespersons: Acquisitions; Governance; Stewardship; Community Outreach & Fundraising; Trails; Measure A;** (discussions, reassignments and next steps). The Acquisitions Subcommittee reported that the Town has been notified of two potential open space donations. There are two parcels comprised of about 30 total acres that are adjacent to a Marin County open space preserve. The property is parallel to Canyon Road and is near Bolinas Road and an easement with the Marin Municipal Water District.
10. **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). There was a concern expressed regarding the recent San Anselmo approval of mountain bike use through Sorich Park.
11. **FOSC Participation in Fairfax Holiday Fair in December** – Susan Pascal Beran (discussion and action). The annual fair will be held on Saturday, December 14 at the Fairfax Pavilion and will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Geoff Bolt and his wife will help count the existing FOSC T-shirts prior to the re-order of additional T-shirts prior to the holiday fair. FOSC approved the expense not-to-exceed \$3,500 for the T-shirt reorder.
12. **Decide on Combined November / December Meeting with quorum check and agenda items** (discussion and action). Tuesday, December 3 was selected as the date for the FOSC combined November / December meeting. It appears there will be a quorum.
13. **Receive FOSC Minutes from Several Previous Meetings for Approval:** Michael Ardito postponed this to the next meeting.
14. **FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions). Michael Ardito commented for clarifying and responding to a complaint mentioned by someone during the public comment period at the October 16, 2024 meeting of the Fairfax Town Council regarding the FOSC 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. I donated the 150 plastic champagne glasses that were used, then washed and are now stored at my home for someone’s future event. The plastic glasses were not discarded or sent to recycling. The plastic glasses are owned by me, not the Town of Fairfax.
15. **Appointment of Youth Member** (discussion and action). This was postponed to a future meeting.
16. **Appreciations and Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.