



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Lauren Hinxmann, Acting Chair
Chris Borjian	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Shelley Clark	Jack Judkins
Charles Cornwell	Susan Pascal Beran
Chance Cutrano	Lili Secord, Youth Member (ex officio)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Lauren Hinxmann, Acting Chair
Members present: Michael Ardito, Charles Cornwell, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran. We had a quorum. Youth member Lili Secord arrived about 8 p.m.
Members absent: Chris Borjian, Shelley Clark and Chance Cutrano.
- 2. Approval of Agenda for January 23, 2018** and Minutes from October 24, 2017 and December 5, 2017. Tonight's agenda was approved. Several corrections to the previous FOSC minutes needed to be incorporated so approval for the minutes from October and December 2017 were postponed to the next FOSC meeting in February.
- 3. Welcome to new FOSC member Shelley Clark.** She was not able to attend the meeting due to illness so this was postponed to the February meeting.
- 4. FOSC Continuing Business** – updates, discussion and possible action on:
 - Lutheran Church property update (and open space acquisition of back 18 acres) *No news to report.*
 - Wall property / Marinda Heights updates, next steps and outreach (potential open space acquisition) *No news to report.*
 - Ben Ross property / 200 Toyon Road. *This item was voted to be taken off the agenda and not continued for the foreseeable future.*
- 5. 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.*) FOSC Webmaster / Town Council Member Barbara Coler reported that Jonathan Braun of the San Anselmo Open Space Committee raised interest in the “Jamie Williams” property adjacent to the Sky Ranch Open Space. He thinks FOSC should consider this as a potential open space acquisition for Fairfax.
- 6. Confirmation for Selection of new FOSC Treasurer.** Charles Cornwell was unanimously elected to serve as the new Treasurer for FOSC.
- 7. Approval of Expenditure to Fix FOSC Website.** Barbara Coler reported that Town Manager Garrett Toy approved the emergency expenditure to repair the FOSC website. Around the New Year holiday, the FOSC website had crashed. In early January, LINK

Creative billed us for \$360. Jack Judkins made a motion that was unanimously approved by FOSC to authorize this retroactive expenditure to repair the FOSC website.

8. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito reported he still needs to follow-up with Ryan O’Neal regarding estimated costs for reordering FOSC ball caps. Lauren Hinxmann reported that FOSC has 70 “followers” via Instagram.
9. **Fairfax Plant Walk on Saturday, January 27.** Lauren Hinxmann reported that Nick Nutu will lead a foraging hike this Saturday, January 27 meeting at Peri Park at 10 a.m. Barbara Coler mentioned that Nick potentially could be used to conduct foraging / nature hikes for Camp Fairfax this summer and we should inform Maria Baird.
10. **“0” Glen Drive Information:** Charles Cornwell reported that a property identified as “0” Glen Drive (between Canyon Village and Glen Drive) was listed on Zillow as 10 acres for \$850,000. Upon further investigation, it was discovered this property is steep and not accessible, but it could have an easement for building a fire road in the area.
11. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers** (discussion and possible action): This was item was postponed to the next meeting.
12. **Proposition 1 Grant Application to Coastal Conservancy** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran described her efforts to apply for this grant and will continue to pursue this and other grant opportunities for FOSC.
13. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). Due to several members absent, this was postponed to our next meeting.
14. **Selection of Official FOSC Alternate to Tree Committee.** Charles Cornwell was selected as the alternate to the Tree Committee. He would serve if the primary representative, Michael Ardito, is not able to prepare and attend a monthly meeting on behalf of FOSC.
15. **Quorum Check and Confirmation for FOSC Acting Chair for Next FOSC Meeting** on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. It appears FOSC will have a quorum for the next regular meeting. Lauren Hinxmann expressed her interest in becoming the permanent FOSC chair. The election of chair was scheduled for the next regular FOSC meeting agenda.
16. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals). No reports.
17. **Reports of activities from partner agencies:** San Anselmo Open Space Committee; Bay Area Open Space Council; Marin Open Space Commission; Marin Conservation League’s Parks and Open Space Committee: FOSC representatives. No reports.
18. **Status of Two-Year FOSC Annual Report 2015-17:** Michael Ardito has postponed this endeavor until further notice.
19. **Update of General Plan Inventory of Priority Open Space Properties to include all ABAG-approved “Priority Conservation Areas”:** Jack Judkins postponed to the future.
20. **Implementation of General Plan Open Space Element including identification of recreational trails and priority open space lands:** Jack Judkins reported there were many trails in Fairfax before there were formal records. These trails ideally should be identified on websites.
21. **FOSC Members Expressions.** Ruth Horn is interested in organizing a broom pull for the Ridgeway area. It was expressed that we also need to invite Fairfax Volunteers to organize another broom pull for stewardship of Jolly Hill. Michael Ardito, as follow-up to last month’s meeting, reported that *Bay Nature* magazine is available at some Marin County libraries, but some such as Mill Valley have more complete collections than others. Ardito also mentioned the upcoming *Marin Independent Journal* forum about “suburban/wildland

fire safety” at the Corte Madera Town Center. Also, mentioned was the upcoming Marin History Museum lecture on Thursday evening, January 25 by Brian Crawford (member of the San Anselmo Open Space Committee) on the topic of “The Bolinas-Fairfax Road.”

22. **Adjournment** was achieved at approximately 8:55 p.m.