

MINUTES REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING 16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930 Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary
Chris Borjian
Shelley Clark
Charles Cornwell. Treasurer

Lauren Hinxmann, Chair
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Jack Judkins, Vice Chair
Susan Pascal Beran

Chance Cutrano Lili Secord, Youth Member (ex officio)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Lauren Hinxmann, Chair

Members present: Michael Ardito, Chris Borjian, Shelley Clark, Charles Cornwell, Chance Cutrano, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins Members absent: Susan Pascal Beran, Lili Secord

- 2. **Approval of FOSC Agenda for March 27, 2018 and Minutes** from January 23, February 27, and March 22, 2018 Meetings. Tonight's agenda and the minutes from January 23, 2018 were approved. Other minutes were postponed for approval. FOSC members who took notes at the special meeting held on March 22 are invited to type up and send their notes to a Google document to be initiated by Chance Cutrano.
- 3. **Upcoming Educational Outreach Program for "Resilient Forests"** by Catriona MacGregor. We are looking for an available weekend in May (when the Fairfax Women's Club is available and there are few conflicts with other community events) to hold her educational presentation followed by a community walk the next day.
- 4. **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.) There were no guests.
- 5. **Treasurer's Report:** Charles Cornwell reported that the new balance for the FOSC account is \$28,502. Charles will be meeting again with Michael Vivrette, the Town's financial director.
- 6. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action): Lauren Hinxmann. FOSC gave approval for Michael Ardito to contact Ryan O'Neal about ordering additional ball caps with the new FOSC logo at a cost not to exceed \$300.
- 7. **FOSC Benefit Concert in Peri Park** on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Jack Judkins passed around a FOSC sign-up sheet to help with this annual event organized by former FOSC Chair Mimi Newton. It will have a performance by The Eleven, a Grateful Dead cover band. (This event was later rained out and needed to be rescheduled.)
- 8. **Report on Fairfax Plant Walks**: Lauren Hinxmann distributed flyers about upcoming nature walks. One was the medicinal plant walk in Cascade Canyon on Sunday morning, April 22 to be led by guide Morgan Seip. (This event was later cancelled due to the guide moving out of the area.) The other was a ceremonial foraging plant walk on Sunday

- morning, April 29 from 10 am to noon with guide Nick Nutu. He will lead a moderate two-mile hike in the Loma Alta Open Space.
- 9. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers** (discussion and possible action): Chance Cutrano reminded everyone of the Town's "Mixer" on Thursday night this week that is sponsored by the Fairfax Volunteers. He also mentioned the Volunteer's "Constant Contact" newsletter. The Volunteers are planning a possible project of stair restoration (on hillsides near hiking trails) with grant funding.
- 10. **Review of FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). Lauren Hinxmann, Chris Borjian and Chance Cutrano requested to be added to the FOSC General Plan Subcommittee.
- 11. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; Tree Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals). Shelley Clark reported she is working on a potential new film night fundraiser this summer for FOSC.
- 12. **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
- 13. **Registration for Bay Area Open Space Council Conference** participation on May 10, 2018 (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito was the only FOSC member available and interested in attending this annual conference. He was approved to seek reimbursement for the registration fee. Early bird / discount registration closes this week.
- 14. **FOSC Participation in Broom Pulls 2018 (Jolly Hill on Sunday, April 8).** Lauren Hinxmann reported that the broom pull will be held on April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. Lauren will pick up the broom pulling tools from Greg Reza of the Marin County Parks and Open Space.
- 15. **Implementation of General Plan Open Space Element** including identification of recreational trails and priority open space lands: Jack Judkins
- 16. **Quorum Check for Next Regular FOSC Meeting** Scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018 and/or Special Meeting as Follow-up to March 22, 2018 Special Meeting (discussion and possible action). There appeared to be a quorum for the regular meeting scheduled for April 24.
- 17. Reminder of Form 700 Submittal Due Date April 2, 2018
- 18. **FOSC Members Expressions**. Members are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the Town Committees and Commissions "mixer" to be held at the Fairfax Women's Club on Thursday evening, March 29. FOSC will announce some of our upcoming events.
- 19. Adjournment was at 8:47 p.m.