



MINUTES
SPECIAL and REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Fairfax Open Space Members:

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

SPECIAL MEETING starts at 6:45 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions of Interview Panel** (Lauren Hinxmann, Michael Ardito, Ruth Horn, Susan Pascal Beran)
- 2. Interview of Youth Member Candidate Maya Buell**
- 3. Interview of Youth Member Candidate Georgia Little**
The interviews were conducted simultaneously with both candidates taking turns responding to the set of questions.
- 4. Appointment(s) of Youth Member(s) for 2018-19** (discussion and possible action). Later the full FOSC Committee voted to approve appointment of both candidates as youth members. We believe their terms will start on June 1.

REGULAR MEETING starts at 7:30 p.m. approximately

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Lauren Hinxmann, Chair
Members present: Michael Ardito, Shelley Clark, Chance Cutrano, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran (seven present for a quorum).
Members absent: Chris Borjian, Charles Cornwell and Lili Secord.
- 2. Approval of Agenda for April 24, 2018 Regular Meeting and Minutes from February 27 and March 27, 2018 Regular Meetings and March 22, 2018 Special Meeting.** Tonight's agenda and the minutes from February 27, 2018 were approved.
- 3. 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.*) Both youth member candidates stayed for the duration of the meeting as required for membership. There were no other guests.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Charles Cornwell's report was postponed to the next meeting due to his absence. Michael Ardito reported that the FOSC cashbox was found and is now the possession of Charles Cornwell.
- 5. Upcoming Educational Outreach Program for "Resilient Forests"** by Catriona MacGregor on May 19-20 2018. Lauren Hinxmann reported that the informational forum will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Fairfax Women's Club. Refreshments will be provided by Resilient Forests. A follow-up community walk to look at

trees and wildlife in resilient forests for about two hours is scheduled for Sunday morning, May 20 beginning 9 a.m. at Peri Park.

6. **Rescheduling of FOSC Annual Benefit Concert in Peri Park:** The April 15th performance date was rained out. Former FOSC Chair Mimi Newton is working on rescheduling this benefit concert to be performed by The Eleven, a cover band of Grateful Dead music.
7. **Report on Fairfax Plant Walks:** Lauren Hinxmann reported that the April 22nd plant walk was canceled because the guide, Morgan Seip, moved to Portland, Oregon.
8. **Report on Jolly Hill Broom Pull held on Sunday, April 8:** Lauren Hinxmann, her husband Alex, Jack Judkins and Michael Ardito accomplished much over a two-hour period.
9. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action). FOSC approved \$125 to be paid to Link Creative for fixing our website after it was recently hacked. We were informed by our webmaster, Barbara Coler, that our website platform needs to be upgraded to Drupal version 8 from Drupal 6. FOSC members requested more information about costs and options to upgrade our website. Also, Michael Ardito inquired at the Fairfax Police Department about another incident of hacking for the FOSC website. Ardito was informed that FOSC is eligible to submit a report of our hacking incidents and our costs. The Fairfax Police Department would forward our report to the Northern California Computer Crime Task Force.
10. **Upcoming Outreach Events:** Fairfax Festival; Annual Give Back Tuesday; FOSC Film Night (discussion and possible action). FOSC voted to participate in the EcoFest at the Pavilion during the Fairfax Festival rather than have an information table at the redwood bench behind the main stage next to the Town's booth. Ardito was requested to look into the EcoFest option and get an application. Also, we have no confirmation that we will be having a Give Back Tuesday during our traditional third Tuesday of June at Iron Springs in Fairfax. Meanwhile, soon-to-be FOSC youth member Georgia Little volunteered to ask Farm Burger at Red Hill Shopping Center about a "give back" event there in the near future. Shelley Clark reported back that she is exploring dates and locations for a FOSC benefit film night for potentially sometime this July (perhaps sometime between July 28 and 30). She indicated this would be the forerunner of a more extensive film festival in 2019.
11. **Review of FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). It was recently realized that we had five volunteers on the General Plan Subcommittee and we need to reduce membership to four. So, Lauren Hinxmann dropped off the Subcommittee leaving Jack Judkins, Chris Borjian, Susan Pascal Beran and Shelley Clark. The FOSC secretary was requested to send the revised lists of Subcommittee members to all for review.
12. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals)
13. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers:** Chance Cutrano reported that Town Councilmember John Reed provided an update report about upgrading hiking trails. The Park Lane Trail has been funded; the Manzanita to Frustuck Trail is soon-to-be funded; and the Pine and Cascade Trail is the next to be funded. Some handrails will be repaired or installed. About \$60,000 to \$70,000 has been allocated for trail restoration. Chance also reported that the Fairfax Volunteers does not have an actual inventory of Town volunteers.
14. **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. Michael Ardito and Ruth Horn reported that the San Anselmo Open Space Committee's annual spring benefit will be held Saturday evening, May 12 and will feature a presentation about "Wildlife Cameras of Mount

Tam.” Our U.S Congressman Jared Huffman has been invited to attend and provide an update about critical environmental issues. Michael Ardito was requested to email to all FOSC members the website link for the San Anselmo fundraising event. Also, the annual combined meeting for the Fairfax and San Anselmo Open Space Committees is to be hosted by Fairfax this year at the Women’s Club and is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, August 15, the regular meeting night for SAOSC.

15. **Quorum Check for Next FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.** It appears FOSC will have a quorum for the next regular meeting.
16. **Implementation of General Plan Open Space Element** including identification of recreational trails and priority open space lands: Jack Judkins postponed further discussion of this item until a future FOSC meeting.
17. **FOSC Members Expressions.** Members were reminded to refrain from sending or responding to FOSC email chains and remain in compliance with the Brown Act.
18. **Adjournment** was at 9 p.m.