



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

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

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Jack Judkins, Acting Chair opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
Present: Michael Ardito, Charles Cornwell, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, and Georgia Little (youth member)
Absent: Chris Borjian, Shelley Clark, and Chance Cutrano
- 2. Approval of Agenda for January 22, 2019.** This was approved.
- 3. Drake High School class film project for FOSC** (discussion and possible action). The four Drake ComAcademy students introduced themselves, summarized their class project, and announced that the promotional video will be premiered in Drake's Little Theater on Friday, March 1. The students will interview other FOSC members not already interviewed at the end of this meeting.
- 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.*) None.
- 5. FOSC Continuing Business** (updates, discussion and possible action on: Spring Lane properties near Sky Ranch; Victory Village; Marinda Heights/Wall property). Michael Ardito reported that realtor Russ Knudsen reported that the owner of the red house on Spring Lane lives in southern California and there must be renters in that house. We will need to ask Ben Berto about updates regarding Victory Village. We need to contact the Town about posting our FOSC comments regarding the Marinda Heights development formerly known as the Wall property.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Charles Cornwell reported that our FOSC account balance is \$34,628.86.
- 7. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2018 and special meeting on March 22, 2018.** These items are being postponed to the next meeting.
- 8. Update about FOSC and Town Website** (discussion and possible action): Chance Cutrano was not in attendance and this was postponed to the next meeting.
- 9. FOSC Outreach (next film night), Merchandise and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action). After discussion, Susan Pascal Beran announced that the next FOSC movie night will be scheduled for March. (After consultation with the Town, the best available date at the Fairfax Women's Club was determined to be Friday night, March 8.) FOSC voted to approve the expenditure of FOSC funds to purchase audio/visual equipment to be used for future FOSC movie nights. Susan Pascal Beran announced the next film will be "Watershed" from the Redford Center.
- 10. FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers:** Chance Cutrano was not in attendance and this was postponed to the next meeting.
- 11. Fairfax Vacancy Announcements Update.** Michael Ardito announced that there is one vacancy announcement for FOSC (after the resignation of FOSC chair and member Lauren Hinxmann at the end of 2018). There are two vacancy announcements for the Tree Advisory Committee as FOSC representative Michael Ardito is no longer on this Committee as of January 2019.

- 12. Election of FOSC Chair and Vice Chair** (discussion and possible action). Jack Judkins will continue to serve as Vice Chair. Susan Pascal Beran agreed to serve as Acting Chair for February and the next meeting.
- 13. Reports from FOSC Committees and Subcommittees** (including Tree Committee). Please see agenda item number 11.
- 14. Review of FOSC Committee and Subcommittee Assignments.** Michael Ardito, Charles Cornwell and youth member (currently Georgia Little) were added to the Stewardship Subcommittee. Susan Pascal Beran was added to the General Plan Subcommittee.
- 15. Reports of activities from partner agencies** such as San Anselmo Open Space Committee; Bay Area Open Space Council; Marin Open Space Commission: FOSC representatives. Michael Ardito reported that the Bay Area Open Space Council will not hold an annual conference in spring of 2019.
- 16. Invasive Broom, Clean-ups, and Stewardship of Fairfax Open Space** (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito provided a calendar of events from the Friends of Corte Madera Watershed which included broom pulls. He was requested to scan the document and email to FOSC members. We decided to hold a broom pull for the Upper Ridgeway open space on Saturday, March 2. Michael Ardito was tasked to contact former FOSC member Nancy Rogers about contact information for borrowing broom removal equipment from local agencies.
- 17. Planned Development District (PDD) zones update on open space percentage:** Susan Pascal Beran and Jack Judkins. Past and current Fairfax Town Council discussions and decisions were reviewed. It was reported that State SB 35 is fast-tracking housing development during the state housing crisis which is allowing exemptions for CEQA requirements – except for health and safety concerns. Some housing developments can only be denied under certain circumstances.
- 18. Quorum Check and Agenda for next, regular FOSC meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.** It appears there we will have a quorum.
- 19. FOSC Members Expressions.** Michael Ardito was tasked to verify our Fairfax Iron Springs Give Back Tuesday for June 18, 2019. Michael Ardito was asked to find contact information for hike guide Nick Neto.
- 20. Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:30 p.m.** Then, several FOSC members were individually interviewed for the Drake High School promotional video about FOSC.