



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, March 26, 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, Vice Chair
Charles Cornwell, Treasurer	Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
	Georgia Little, Youth Member (ex officio)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Due to traffic issues the meeting started late – at 7:22 p.m.
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Charles Cornwell, Chance Cutrano, Ruth Horn, Susan Pascal Beran, (quorum) and Georgia Little (youth member).
Members Absent: Chris Borjian, Shelley Clark, Jack Judkins (vice chair)
- 2. Approval of Agenda for March 26, 2019.** The agenda was 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.*) None.
- 4. FOSC Continuing Business** (updates, discussion and possible action on: Spring Lane properties near Sky Ranch; Victory Village; Marinda Heights/Wall property; 200 Toyon Drive). It was mentioned that FOSC members need better access to the Town’s trail maps and to “Marin Maps” when discussing these parcels. *Spring Lane:* Michael Ardito has contacted a realtor in the Spring Lane neighborhood and is helping to identify the person(s) placing the sawhorse with the sign “No Public Access to Open Space” on the Spring Lane paper road leading to Sky Ranch. *Victory Village:* Michael Ardito reported he met with Town Manager Garrett Toy last week and was informed that the 18 acres of open space (two 9-acre parcels) behind Victory Village are still for sale. The wooden amphitheater was reportedly still in intact on the flat portion of the open space parcel. Toy provided Ardito with an electronic map showing the public access easement between Victory Village and the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall. Charles Cornwell believed the easement shown on the map was on the hillside border rather than on some Sir Francis Drake Blvd. flat land access to the Loma Alto Open Space Preserve. *Marinda Heights / Wall property updates:* None. *Toyon Drive / Ben Ross property:* Susan Pascal provided the FOSC comments letter and gave a presentation to the Fairfax Planning Commission meeting last Thursday evening, March 20. FOSC will follow-up with Point Blue and other organizations about the Northern Spotted Owl Habitat near 200 Toyon Road. The status of the property’s tax delinquency and/or default may be an issue that may need to be researched. Please refer to the FOSC recommendation letter about further details or concerns regarding open space considerations for the Ben Ross property.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report:** Charles Cornwell reported that the FOSC account balance is \$35,995.22 which includes the \$530 received at the recent film night. The \$530 figure includes \$75 for the sale of FOSC merchandise.
- 6. Review of FOSC Film Night March 8, 2019 “Watershed”** (discussion and possible action). As just reported, the income was \$530. We had about 75 people in attendance. The FOSC review was of a great evening and panel discussion. The moderator was Colin Kelly (FOSC member Shelley Clark’s husband and Healthy Watersheds Manager for Pacific Forest Trust). The discussion panel included

filmmaker James Redford, producer of “Watershed;” the film’s director Mark Decena; Larry Bragman, former Fairfax Town Councilmember and current member of the Marin Municipal Water District Board; Marilyn Latta, State Coastal Conservancy Project Manager; and Justin Taplin, environmental scientist at Sutroscience. Reportedly, there was quite a thread of blogging comments after the event. FOSC needs to do follow-up to the blogs. Susan Pascal Beran reportedly paid about \$500 for the film projector used at the event. FOSC voted to approve reimbursement to Susan Pascal Beran for the cost of the projector to be used by FOSC for future events. The film night also included a special presentation of the Drake High School ComAcademy students’ five-minute promotional video for FOSC. We presented the students with certificates of appreciation. On March 1 at Drake, FOSC received a plaque for a Richies Award. FOSC voted to give the plaque to the Town of Fairfax for posting at Town Hall or another appropriate location for the public to view.

- 7. Invasive Broom, Clean-ups, and Stewardship of Fairfax Open Space:** Sky Ranch on Sat. April 20; Upper Ridgeway (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito will contact Greg Reza for confirmation of the broom bust at Sky Ranch.
- 8. Update about FOSC and Town Website** (discussion and possible action): Chance Cutrano
- 9. FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action)
- 10. FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers:** Chance Cutrano reported Fairfax Volunteers is working on a creek clean-up event for July.
- 11. Reports from FOSC Committees and Subcommittees.** No updates.
- 12. 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 cancelled its annual spring conference for this year.
- 13. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes** for February 26, 2019 and special meeting notes from March 22, 2018. This was postponed to the next meeting.
- 14. Quorum Check and Agenda for next, regular FOSC meeting** on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. It appeared we will have a quorum at the next FOSC meeting.
- 15. FOSC Members Expressions:** Members were reminded that the annual Form 700 filings are due next week on April 1. Chair Susan Pascal Beran reported that she was appointed as a Fairfax Artist-in-Residence and is working with artist Georgia Gibbs on an art project promoting trails and the discovery of open space.
- 16. Adjournment** was at 8:45 p.m.