



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax
January 4, 2011, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Mimi Newton - Chair
Michael Ardito Jacob Feickert
Ted Bright Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler Jack Judkins
Chelsea Donovan Linda Novy
Jolie Egert Ryan O'Neil – Co-Chair

1. Roll call
 - a. Present: Mimi, Michael, Barbara, Jacob, Ruth, Jack, Linda, Ryan
 - b. Guests also present: Martha Ture, Cascade Canyon resident; Jim Hill, Cascade Canyon resident; Linda Dahl, Director and General Manager, County of Marin, Department of Parks and Open Space; Sandy Guldman, Friends of Corte Madera Creek; Steven Schoonover
2. Approval of agenda and minutes from 11/23/10 meeting
 - a. Agenda – Approved with minor change: “hikers v. bikers” deleted from agenda item number 4 regarding discussion on “Management of Elliott Nature Preserve / Cascade Canyon.”
 - b. Minutes – Approved by unanimous vote
3. Treasurer’s Report - Ted
 - a. Tabled until next meeting with Ted
4. Discussion re: Management of Elliott Nature Preserve / Cascade Canyon
 - a. Discussion of December 30, 2010 letter from Martha E. Ture to Fairfax Open Space Committee regarding the Elliott Nature Preserve (letter attached to minutes). Discussion primarily led by letter’s author, Martha Ture. The letter and discussion centered on the idea of rotating the location of the annual “Turkey Day” bike ride. Linda Dahl of the Marin County Open Space reported that the Marin County Board of Supervisors convened a meeting last February and instructed the Marin Open Space District to do a comprehensive road and trail management plan. Linda Dahl reported Marin County Open Space is working to convene the known eight organized bike groups, equestrian groups and other interested parties to discuss the issues involving the annual Turkey Day bike ride. **Action Item: Linda Novy of FOSC volunteered to attend various meetings on aspects of this issue and report back to FOSC to recommend any further actions.** Mimi reminded everyone that the FOSC role is to provide advice on this issue to the Fairfax Town Council.
5. Discussion re: Forrest Avenue Complaint:
 - a. **Action: Letter forwarded from FOSC back to Town’s attorney.**
6. Status and impact(s) of story poles at IGA parking lot on Sir Francis Drake
 - a. It was reported that this issue may be appealed to the Town Council.

7. Subcommittee reports
 - A. Acquisitions
 - a. Finalized the Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria.
Action Item: The document will be presented for adoption by the Fairfax Town Council for their February meeting or another date to be determined (TBD).
 - B. Fundraising
 - a. Outreach and preparation for the date of our Give Back Tuesday at Iron Springs Brew Pub (postcards and announcements)
Action Item: Mike, before next meeting, will revise draft news release for the Give Back Tuesday fundraiser scheduled for April 12. He will send draft news release to FOSC members after detailed review by Barbara and Mimi.
The draft postcard for the FOSC website and fundraiser as well as the FOSC member business cards were reviewed and discussed. The Outreach Subcommittee for the upcoming fundraiser event will meet at a date TBD (Mimi, Mike, Ryan, Jack and Jacob).
 - C. Governance (no action)
 - D. Stewardship
 - a. Review Rules for Use of Open Space; action re: determine if there is a consensus
Action Item: This item is re-agendized for February 22 FOSC meeting. Mimi volunteered to summarize draft “legal” language into concepts. Existing Fairfax ordinances will be researched. Also, prior to the February 22 FOSC meeting, Jonathan Braun of San Anselmo Open Space will be contacted to find out what San Anselmo is doing on this issue.
 - b. Update regarding possible installation of cell phone tower at Camp Tamarancho and status of Town Council involvement (**Action Item: This issue is tabled to February FOSC meeting**).
 - c. Scheduling hikes with Open Space Committee members
Action Item: Special FOSC meeting, a hiking field trip, was set for Saturday, January 29 at 11 a.m. Members will hike to Wall Property, Egger Grove, “Sky Ranch” area and a small “open space” parcel TBD. Meeting to start at Fairfax Restaurant in downtown Fairfax.
8. Update on Action Items from November meeting
 - a. Action items reviewed and completed from November 23 meeting.
9. Miscellaneous Items - “Urban Wild Land Interface”
Action Item: This issue (to include fire codes and vegetation) was tabled to January 29 FOSC field trip meeting.
10. Open Time for Public Expression (none)