



MINUTES

FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 7:30 PM

Mimi Newton - Chair

Susan Adams	Jacob Feickert
Mia Andler	Ruth Horn
Michael Ardito	Jack Judkins- Co Chair
Ted Bright	Nancy Rogers
Barbara Coler	

1. Roll Call. Present: Mimi Newton, Ruth Horn, Jacob Feickert, Michael Ardito, Barbara Coler, Jack Judkins. Also in attendance: Ryan O'Neil, former FOSC member and Town Councilmember.
2. Approval of February Agenda and January 2013 Minutes. February Agenda approved by unanimous vote. Approval of the January 2013 minutes was carried over to the March meeting.
3. Update Re: February Council Meeting.
 - Appointment of Nancy Rogers to FOSC. The Town Council appointed Nancy Rogers as a new FOSC member.
 - Presentation to Ryan O'Neil Mimi Newton thanked Ryan O'Neil for all of his efforts on behalf of the Town, as a FOSC member and as a Town Council Member. The other FOSC members also expressed their appreciation for Ryan's dedication and hard work. Mimi presented Ryan with a redwood sapling, in recognition of his service to the Town.
4. Update - Treasurer and Finance Report. (Jack and Mimi). In order to reconcile the amount of FOSC funds that are held by the town, the Town Finance Director asked for documentation that FOSC had agreed to use \$15,000 of open space funds for the Berg appeal; and that the town Council had agreed that the \$30,000 repaid by FOSC to the Town for the Egger Grove property would be used exclusively for open space purposes. Mimi agreed to track down minutes for the two respective town Council meetings.
5. Update Item: Gift of Love. (Michael). Michael reported that approximately 20 volunteers appeared at Jolly Hill to help with the cleanup through the Gift of Love. He thanked the FOSC members who helped out and, in particular, Nancy and her husband for picking up the tools. He reported that there is some desire to continue regular broom pulling at Jolly Hill, through a volunteer, Joe Neil.
6. Update - General Plan Implementation Committee (GPIC). (Jake). Jake reported that GPIC has established a format for work group input on actions needed. Currently, the Climate Action Plan is a major focus of GPIC. Jake noted that there was discussion at GPIC concerning the use of NextDoor.com groups as a means of communicating with the community. Jake suggested NextDoor.com might also be used by FOSC to communicate and, in particular, to seek funds for the upper Ridgeway Acquisition. Jake offered to send out a message on this topic through NextDoor.com.
7. Update and Action Items re: New Potential Acquisition Opportunities. (Mimi and Susan). Mimi reported that there are two new potential acquisition opportunities:

1) the property adjacent to Oak Manor, on which goats were being raised. Owner Patrice Phillips has indicated an interest in selling. Mimi has emailed Ms. Phillips and Mimi will refer her to Jack for discussion of the sale the property, should Ms. Phillips reply to the email.

2) the Wall property. Mimi was informed by the Planning Director that he had been contacted by representatives of the owners of the Wall property and that they may be in contact with FOOSC. Susan reported that the Wall property is the subject of litigation and it has been ordered to be sold. Susan will follow up on the litigation status and attempt to contact the property owners or attorneys.

8. Update and action items: Fundraising (Mimi). A variety of potential fundraising ideas were discussed. These included the concept of an open space and solstice celebration, which the members thought might be too difficult to carry out. There was support for the concept of a sponsored charity walk or run, perhaps with a tie-in to the upper Ridgeway property. There was consensus that the idea of soliciting funds outside of local businesses or at trailheads was worth pursuing. Mimi has requested approved dates for doing so at Good Earth and will follow through on the dates she requested. It was also suggested that Fairfax Lumber, Sunshine Bike, IGA and Java Hut be approached for fundraising outside of those businesses. Jack and Mimi will pursue. Mimi continues to work on E-script and is making progress. Mimi reported that MOST is supportive, but reviewing whether it may accept online donations on behalf of FOOSC. MOST currently will accept cash donations for use for open space purposes in Fairfax. Finally, there was a discussion of the sale of FOOSC goods, with no consensus reached.
9. Members expressions: None
10. Open Time - Public Expressions. None