



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Youth Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Ray Burgarella, Treasurer/Acting Chair	Jack Judkins
Charles Cornwell	Chris Powers
Lauren Hinxmann	Allie Ross (<i>ex officio youth member</i>)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Ray Burgarella, Acting Chair
Members present (a quorum): Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Charles Cornwell, Lauren Hinxmann, Ruth Horn
Members absent: Jack Judkins, Chris Powers, Allie Ross
- 2. Approval of Agenda for April 25, 2017 and Minutes from March 28, 2017.** The meeting agenda was approved. The minutes from March 28, 2017 were approved with a minor edit.
- 3. Welcome to new member Charles Cornwell**
Charles Cornwell was interviewed and approved for FOSC membership at the April 5, 2017 Fairfax Town Council meeting.
- 4. Resignations and Status of FOSC Members:** Michael Simler resigned after the March meeting due to his change of residence out of Fairfax. Chris Powers will also need to resign soon also due to his change of residence out of Fairfax.
- 5. Reduction of FOSC Membership** – discussion and possible action. With the loss of four FOSC members within a two-month period, FOSC may need to request that the Fairfax Town Council reduce the number of FOSC membership to seven from nine. Such a resolution would allow FOSC to realistically hold regular meetings with a quorum. Visitor and former FOSC member Helen Fauss expressed her desire that FOSC try to maintain at least nine members due to the amount of work FOSC should accomplish.
- 6. Youth member recruitment for 2017-18 school year:** Allie Ross
In the absence of Allie Ross, Michael Ardito will reach out to Allie (graduating from Drake High School in June); former youth member Lily Williams, a student at Drake; and to Tamalpais High School District college and career counselor Greg Davison regarding recruitment of a youth member to serve on FOSC next school year.
- 7. Statements of Economic Interest Form 700 filing requirement:** Most FOSC members reported being able to successfully complete and file these forms to Fairfax Town Clerk Michele Gardner within the last month.
- 8. Updates on Broom Pulls:** Sky Ranch, Jolly Hill, Upper Ridgeway Trail: Lauren Hinxmann will reach out to Greg Reza at Marin County Parks and Open Space regarding borrowing tools to conduct a broom pull at Jolly Hill on Saturday morning, May 13.
- 9. Treasurer's Report:** Ray Burgarella. After Ray talked with Fairfax Town Finance Manager Michael Vivrette, it was believed that FOSC would not receive contact information for PayPal donations via our FOSC website. Charles Cornwell volunteered to make a donation to FOSC via PayPal to test the system.

10. **FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
 - *Lutheran Church property update* (and potential open space acquisition of back 18 acres). No new information.
 - *Wall Property update* (potential open space acquisition). No new information.
 - *Update on Ben Ross property.* Mr. Ben Ross has been invited to attend the May 23, 2017 meeting of FOSC to provide us an update on his proposal to donate part of his property for open space.
11. **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.*). Guests were Stephen Keese and former FOSC member Helen Fauss. Helen Fauss mentioned that the Marin County Parks and Open Space has re-evaluated the multi-use of public trails. One of the categories included trails for those with a disability.
12. **Acting Chairs for May through August 2017.** Jack Judkins has agreed to serve as Acting Chair for the month of May. Michael Ardito has agreed to serve as Acting Chair for the months of June through August to coordinate with the San Anselmo Open Space Committee for our annual combined special meeting.
13. **Quorum Call for FOSC meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017.** It appears that we will have just enough members attending our next meeting to have a quorum.
14. **Bay Area Open Space Council annual conference on May 18, 2017:** Michael Ardito registered to represent Fairfax at this annual conference to be held in Richmond.
15. **The Eleven Benefit Concert for FOSC 2017** (discussion and possible action). Sunday afternoon, May 21 appears to be the date The Eleven has agreed with former FOSC Chair Mimi Newton to perform a benefit fundraiser for FOSC at Peri Park.
16. **Give Back Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Iron Springs** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito reported that he may not be able to appear at Iron Springs beginning at noon and most of the afternoon of June 20 – now that the pub and brewery has expanded its Tuesday hours to open at noon instead of 4 p.m.
17. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action): Chris Powers, Lauren Hinxmann. FOSC voted to give Lauren Hinxmann approval to order a banner with the new FOSC logo.
18. **Measure A Subcommittee Meeting for Fairfax:** Ray Burgarella will represent FOSC at the Fairfax Measure A Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday evening, May 2.
19. **FOSC Participation in Fairfax Festival 2017** (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito received approval from Richard Pedemonte, chair of the Fairfax Festival, via Monty Stephens, chair of the Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission, allowing FOSC to reserve the bench location again this year at the corner of Bolinas and Elsie for an information table.
20. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers.** No new information.
21. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action). No new information.
22. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; the General Plan Implementation Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals. No new information.

23. **San Anselmo Open Space Annual Fundraiser on April 8, 2017:** Michael Ardito and Ruth Horn attended this 28th annual fundraiser that had an excellent presentation about “California’s Deep Ocean Wilderness and Marine Reserves” given by guest speaker Dirk Rosen.
24. **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. No new information to share.
25. **FOSC Members Expressions.** Lauren Hinxmann expressed interest in organizing “meet up” hikes on or near Fairfax open space.
26. **Adjournment** was at 8:55 p.m.