MINUTES FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Town Hall, Fairfax Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Mimi Newton - Chair Michael Ardito Helen Ted Bright Ruth H Niccolo Calderaro Jack Ju Barbara Coler Ryan O

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1. Present – Mimi Newton, Ted Bright, Barbara Coler, Niccolo Calderaro, Helen Fauss, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Ryan O'Neil, Michael Ardito

Town Liaison -- Kathy Wilkie Guests -- Frank Egger, Larry Bragman - Town Councilman

2. Assignment of secretarial duties -- Ruth will do the minutes and send them to Jack for header and dispersal

3. Agenda change: #6 moved up. Approval of 5-25-10 agenda as amended and 4-27-10 minutes

4. (6) Discussion and updating regarding fundraising effort with Meadow Way neighborhood. This is a community issue and the financial responsibility should be shouldered by the whole community. We need to create community awareness of what is going on. ACTION: Subcommittee to plan event - Ryan, Jack, Mimi, Larry. Time: a Sunday afternoon in July. Place - Women's Club. Price -\$30 for a family. Serve: pizza, beer, ice cream Entertainment: Music. Purpose - a fundraiser for access issues and making improvements such as benches, signs, and a kid-friendly gate

AGENDIZE - committee contributions to fund raiser and restoration for Egger Grove

5. Treasurer's Report: Bank of America balance - \$7,096.26. Recent activity: 5-17-10 --Deposit from Good Festival 2009, Fairfax Picnic 2009, T-Shirt sales - \$354.00. Connie Segal Smith's EcoFest book sale check of 7-28-09 for \$45 has been reissued.

\$1000 from the Town Budget is set aside for Open Space. Next month Laurie will have her report.

A line item budget for next year has been submitted.

7. Discussion of possible annexation of Egger Grove and neighboring properties: Both LAFCO and the County Assessor say there is precedent for annexation and offered to help the Town accomplish this. The Grove now has an official address: 70 Meadow Way. ACTION: We will reconsider this issue in September.

8. Update regarding rules for use of Open Space: Kathy handed out a preliminary resolution, Chapter 12.36 . There is nothing in the Town Code for this at this time. ACTION: This needs input from the committee, a run by the town attorney for technicalities, and then a presentation to the Council for adoption. AGENDIZE - debate for August.

9. Criteria for acquisition of Open Space. All were pleased with Jack's list. ACTION: This needs to be presented to the Council.

10. Subcommittee Reports

Acquisition - The title search for the tax defaulted property should be received in two days. The owner will have 72 hours to pay the taxes after our check is received. Fifty percent of people do repay the taxes.

11. Update on GPAC on Conservation Element – getting closer to getting a draft to GPAC

12. Fairfax Festival activities - FOSC will have a table in the Pavilion and sell T-shirts and shopping Bags MOTION made, seconded, approved - Mimi is authorized to spend \$300 for acquisition of shopping bags and hats to sell. SUBCOMMITTEE to create postcard to announce the new web site: Michael, Ryan, and Ruth

13. The website is approved and launched.

14. The scope of FOSC authority to seek grants for Open Space acquisition and other issues -Kathie will help the committee. The Town Manager will need to be involved when we make out an application but not for preliminary exploration. Green Urban Grants have an April 1st deadline.

15. Ben Ross request regarding acquisition of a portion of his property as Open Space - Do NOT reagendize.

 16. Update - action items from 4-27-10 meeting (as reflected in the minutes) Money is in Draft budget is prepared and submitted Fundraiser - discussed above Annexation - discussed above Rules for Open Space - sheets handed out

Kathie will work with Jim Moore regarding easement rights over local property: how to approach the property owner.

Jack wrote letters to the owners of 2 parcels on the Ridgeway Ave. fire road regarding donation to the Town about 2 weeks ago. So far there has not been a response.

Ross Valley School Board seems fixed on building a new school at Deer Park. There appears to be behind-the-scenes motivation. ACTION – Helen and Ruth will follow up to encourage the Town to hold the school to the existing footprint so as not to infringe on Open Space area.

Glenn Drive lot for sale - need to call David Smedbeck