



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

**Fairfax Open Space Members:**

Michael Ardito, Acting Chair	Lauren Hinxmann
Ray Burgarella, Treasurer	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Charles Cornwell	Jack Judkins
Chance Cutrano	Susan Pascal Beran

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Michael Ardito, Acting Chair  
*Members present:* Michael Ardito, Ray Burgarella, Chance Cutrano, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran (quorum)  
*Members absent:* Charles Cornwell, Lauren Hinxmann  
*Guests:* Ben Bertos (new Planning Director for Town of Fairfax); Town Council Member and FOSC Liaison Barbara Coler; FOSC applicant Chris Borjian; FOSC youth applicant Lili Secord.
- 2. Welcome to New FOSC Members:** Chance Cutrano and Susan Pascal Beran
- 3. Approval of Agenda for July 25, 2017.** Approval of minutes from June 27, 2017 meeting postponed until next meeting.
- 4. FOSC Continuing Business** – discussion and possible action on:
  - *Lutheran Church property update* (and open space acquisition of back 18 acres). Also known as Victory Village, Barbara Coler reported that the donation of 18 acres for open space will be the largest open space acquisition in Fairfax since the inception of FOSC (larger than the 11 acres acquired from Sky Ranch in Fairfax). Jack Judkins mentioned that people then will be able to hike 17 miles from Victory Village open space to Point Reyes National Seashore.
  - *Wall Property update* (potential open space acquisition). Owner Marshal Rothman recently posted
  - *Spring Lane parcels adjacent to Sky Ranch* in Fairfax. Realtor Russ Knudsen sent an email reporting that 63 Spring Lane is to be sold.
- 5. 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.*) Ben Bertos requested to be placed on the FOSC agenda for a future meeting. He will plan to provide FOSC members with a Town Planning Department update at the FOSC meeting scheduled for September 26.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Ray Burgarella
- 7. Give Back Tuesday 2017** (reports). This week we received a check for \$499 from Iron Springs Pub and Brewery for the Give Back Tuesday on June 20. With a cash donation provided on site, the total FOSC income was \$519.

8. **Update: Vacant parcel at 1 Olema Road** and Sir Francis Drake Blvd. adjacent to Buon Gusto property (discussion and possible action). FOSC comments were provided to the Town Planning Department the day after our last meeting held on June 27.
9. **Combined special meeting on August 16 with San Anselmo Open Space** and Quorum Call: Michael Ardito reported that San Anselmo Open Space will host the combined meeting this year and it will be held at Memorial Park picnic area near the Log Cabin in San Anselmo. It appears that FOSC will have a quorum this year on that Wednesday night. A potluck picnic sign-up sheet was passed around.
10. **FOSC Outreach and Web Activities** (discussion and possible action). Barbara Coler, our webmaster continues to keep our website updated.
11. **FOSC Participation in Fairfax Town Picnic 2017** (discussion and possible action). Discussion postponed until next meeting on August 16.
12. **FOSC Outreach to Fairfax Volunteers** (discussion and possible action). New FOSC member Chance Cutrano agreed to be our liaison to the Fairfax Volunteers which meets on the fourth Monday of the month.
13. **FOSC Subcommittee Assignments** (discussion and possible action):  
New member assignments were accepted and added for:  
*Acquisitions:* Susan Pascal Beran and Chris Borjian  
*Fundraising:* Chris Borjian, Lauren Hinxmann; Susan Pascal Beran (specifically for grant writing);  
*Joint FOSC / SAOSC Activities:* Lili Secord (youth member)  
*Public Outreach:* Chance Cutrano  
*Stewardship:* Chance Cutrano  
*General Plan Open Space Element:* Chance Cutrano; Chris Borjian; Susan Pascal Beran
14. **Reports from Committees and Subcommittees** (including FOSC Fundraising Subcommittee; the Tree Committee; special FOSC subcommittees for reviewing open space elements of specific development proposals). No reports, but see new assignments under agenda item #13.
15. **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 report.
16. **Status of Two-Year FOSC Annual Report 2015-17:** Michael Ardito postponed until next meeting.
17. **Update of General Plan Inventory of Priority Open Space Properties** to include all ABAG-approved "Priority Conservation Areas": Jack Judkins reported that we need a good description of the properties that follow the parcel lines. This includes Fairfax properties in the undeveloped Central Marin ridge lands.
18. **Implementation of General Plan Open Space Element** including identification of recreational trails and priority open space lands: Jack Judkins will convene this working group after September. Fairfax Mayor John Reed some years ago put a list of trails together. Susan Pascal Beran will be in contact with the Fairfax Girl Scouts regarding working on rediscovering/reclaiming Fairfax trails with the purpose of creating a means of escaping down hills in case of fire.
19. **FOSC Members Expressions.** Ruth Horn reported that she received information that the next Marin County tax default auction will be held on Oct. 24, 2017. The phone number at the County Tax Collector is 415-473-6142. The Town will have first right of refusal.
20. **Adjournment at 9:15 p.m.**