



MINUTES FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax
Tuesday, July 27, 2010, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

Mimi Newton - Chair
Michael Ardito Helen Fauss
Ted Bright Ruth Horn
Barbara Coler Jack Judkins
Chelsea Donovan Ryan O'Neil – Co-Chair

1. **Roll Call:** Present – Mimi, Michael, Ted, Barbara, Chelsea, Ruth, Ryan.
Also present: Kathy Wilkie, assigned representative from Town of Fairfax government to Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC).
2. **Assignment of Secretarial duties** for this meeting: Michael Ardito
3. **Approval of 6-22-10 minutes and 7-27-10 agenda.** Barbara will finalize 6-22-10 minutes and email to Judy Anderson to be posted to our web site.
4. **Open time for public expression:** None.
5. **Town Finance Director's Report** – Not present. Laurie Ireland-Ashley is expected to attend the September 28, 2010 meeting of FOSC.
6. **Rules for Use of Open Space** – **Action: Kathy Wilkie will look for simplest, existing Fairfax open space use permit language and report back to FOSC.* The adoption of updated rules will serve as a baseline for Egger Grove and other areas.
FOSC members requested further discussion or inclusion of these matters in the updated language for open space use:
 - Amplified music is prohibited
 - Noise level allowance in synchronization with Town's general plan
 - Seasonal use or sensitive flora / fauna species may be an issue for some locations
 - Dogs off-leash must be under (voice or other) control of owners
 - Barbecues only allowed in permanently provided areas
 - No camping or overnight usage of open space without a permit
 - No smoking
 - No hunting, fishing or disturbing wildlife
7. **Update on San Anselmo Open Space Meeting** (previous week)
Mimi, Ted and Ruth attended the July 21 monthly meeting of the San Anselmo Open Space Committee. San Anselmo has about \$250,000 in their savings account. Jonathan Braun is chair of San Anselmo Open Space Committee and has a long history with the committee. We may organize a hike with Mr. Braun in August.
8. **Update on Revisions to Fairfax Open Space and Conservation Elements:**
Mimi reported that the Town's General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) has a few items to update in the Plan, but preliminary approval is scheduled to happen prior to the next

Town Planning Commission meeting. Mimi indicated there are 1970s maps that need to be preserved, but also need to be updated. The web site Marinmap.org has lots of information available to the public. Note: Fairfax Volunteers may have their own maps on their own web site. ***Action: Someone on FOSC needs to check into this.**

9. Subcommittee Reports:

A. ACQUISITIONS

(1) Tax default properties. There is a new tax default property (no taxes paid since 2003) accessible from Scenic Avenue (uphill property, half-lot) that is scheduled to be auctioned on August 8. The cost would be \$14,200. FOSC members reached a consensus vote to “pass” on purchasing this property for now.

***Action Item: FOSC needs to approach Town about giving FOSC the authority for purchasing short-turnaround opportunities for tax default and/or auctioned properties.**

***Action Item: Ryan to take photo of recently obtained tax delinquent property to be posted to FOSC web site.**

(2) Auction properties. No Action.

(3) Criteria for acquisition of open space. Trial criteria use was discussed.

(4) Restrictive easements update(s). ***Action item: Mimi to call David Weinsoff of Town Council for information regarding this item prior to next FOSC meeting.**

(5) Fire road parcels. No action.

(6) Other available lots. No additional information. ***Action Item: Mimi requested to find letter from Town of Fairfax to Wall property owner to be posted to FOSC web site.**

(7) Possible donations. No updates.

B. FUNDRAISING

(1) Marin Open Space Trust (MOST) fundraiser. A percent of the profits at Iron Springs event last week went to MOST.

(2) The Good Festival. In Fairfax on Saturday, August 7. Mimi will be out of town.

***Action Item: Mike Ardito appointed as FOSC contact person for FOSC table at this event across from stage.**

(3) Fundraiser (with Meadow Way neighborhood) for access to open space. This is to help raise funds to pay for litigation for Egger Grove easement. This is event is on hold. ***Action Item: Meanwhile, Mimi will contact Jane Richardson-Mack about coordination with Iron Springs regarding fundraising for open space.**

C. PUBLIC OUTREACH

(1) Postcards. Mike is working on finalizing design with postcards announcing new website. He is working with printer to get camera-ready copy.

(2) Business cards. Mike looked into several methods for getting group order of FOSC business cards. We may be able to order 1,000 cards with 100 per member.

(3) Certificates of appreciation. Once certificate of appreciation is finalized, they can be signed by Fairfax Mayor, possible presentation at Town Council meeting, and copies posted to our web site. Those receiving certificates will include former FOSC members (Denny, Niccolo, Jane, Pam, Terry and Martha).

(4) Web site. Barbara appointed as chair of the Web site Subcommittee. ***Action Item: Chelsea will take photos of T-shirts and tote bags to be posted to FOSC Shop on web site. *Action Item: Mimi will check into FOSC use of Facebook group such as used by San Anselmo and put out announcement. Mimi will send email to Michael Rock at Town to receive approval. * Future action item: Coordinating and updating email address list into one central file.**

10. Annual Report. ***Action Item: Mimi will provide draft of FOSC annual report for review at August 24 FOSC meeting in advance of final submittal to Town Council meeting in September.**

11. Update on action items from 6-22-10 meeting : Completed above.

12. General Update on Miscellaneous Issues : None.

Action Items in italic marked with *