



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Community Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Chris Borjian	Jack Judkins, Vice Chair
Charles Cornwell, Treasurer	Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Chance Cutrano	Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund, Youth Member (ex officio)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. when there was a quorum.
Members present: Michael Ardito, Chris Borjian, Chance Cutrano, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund (youth member)
Member absent: Charles Cornwell
- 2. Approval of Agenda for August 27, 2019:** The agenda was accepted.
- 3. 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.*) Stephanie Hellman, candidate for Fairfax Town Council, attended this meeting to familiarize herself with the Fairfax Open Space Committee.
- 4. FOSC Continuing Business** (updates, discussion and possible action on: *Spring Lane properties near Sky Ranch:* Jack Judkins will notify Town Manager Garrett Toy and draft the letter to the residents on Spring Lane about the no access sign; *Victory Village:* The FOSC Subcommittee will meet with our County Supervisor Katie Rice on September 3 about pursuing purchase of the open space; *Marinda Heights/Wall property:* the Town's Request for Proposal to conduct the required Environmental Impact Report has been posted to the Town's website with contract selection expected in early September; *200 Toyon Drive (also known as the Ben Ross property):* Susan Pascal Beran reported that Rene Voss of SAOSC may help document the nearby presence of the northern spotted owl. The nesting period is in the April to November timeframe; *Property for sale near Hawthorne Canyon Open Space in San Anselmo):* Michael Ardito as a FOSC liaison to SAOSC will keep in contact to learn when fundraising may begin.
- 5. Report from FOSC Subcommittee Meetings with Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice** (discussion and possible action). The subcommittee members and Supervisor Rice did some walk-throughs of the open space. There may be some grant opportunities available to help with purchase of the open space parcel(s).
- 6. Reports from other FOSC Committees and Subcommittees:** No other reports.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** Charles Cornwell was not present so this agenda item was postponed until the next meeting
- 8. Thank you card to Fairfax Iron Springs for Give Back Tuesday, June 18.** Members completed signing the thank you card to Iron Springs for the \$466 received as proceeds from the most recent Give Back Tuesday event.
- 9. Application to Participate in annual Biketoberfest on Oct. 12** (discussion and possible action). Chris Borjian emailed Tom Boss of the Marin Bicycle Coalition about FOSC again receiving the \$100 rate as a non-profit. FOSC voted approval to pay a \$100 to \$150 rate for the booth space.
- 10. Upcoming events:** *Benefit Concert on Sept. 7; Town Picnic on Sept. 15; Streets for People on Sun. Oct. 13 and other pertinent events announcements* (discussion and possible action). We had FOSC

table duty sign-ups for the benefit concert on Sept. 7 and the Town Picnic on Sept. 15. Susan Pascal Beran also announced the annual Fairfax Art Walk will be on Friday evening, September 27.

- 11. Next FOSC film night** (discussion and possible action). Chance Cutrano volunteered to contact the producers of the documentary “Rebels With a Cause” about a future FOSC film night, probably on a Friday to be determined with a panel discussion to follow the film.
- 12. Update about FOSC website renewals and Town website** (discussion and possible action): Chance Cutrano and Michael Ardito led a brief discussion about possibly keeping (paying nominal annual fees) for both the FOSC website domains containing “org” and “com” and having them redirect searches to the FOSC portion of the Town’s website.
- 13. FOSC Outreach and Merchandise** (discussion and possible action). FOSC voted to approve approximately \$425 to purchase new FOSC short-sleeve black T-shirts in varying sizes.
- 14. Potential Future Collaborations between SAOSC and FOSC** (such as broom pulls; goats for vegetation management). FOSC members expressed understanding that use of goats is expensive and FOSC wants to find out if Measure A funds may be used to pay for goats to help with vegetation management.
- 15. Open Space Fuel Loads and Fire Safe Marin** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran announced that Fire Safe Marin will be holding an information session “Living With Fire” (with free admittance) on Wednesday night, September 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fairfax Women’s Club.
- 16. New Housing Accountability Laws (and Impacts on Open Space):** Susan Pascal Beran mentioned that it was helpful to have Ben Berto give us background information about the new laws and how future open space preservation may be impacted. FOSC wants to look into the San Anselmo strategy for rezoning and preserving open space.
- 17. Reports of activities from partner agencies** such as San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC); Bay Area Open Space Council; Marin Open Space Commission: FOSC representatives had no other updates, but Michael Ardito was requested to re-send the Proposition 68 grant workshop calendar. Chance Cutrano may participate in the September 25 webinar.
- 18. County Tax Delinquent Properties Auction** (discussion and possible action): Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins. Ruth has made repeated calls to Liz at the County Assessor’s office about the Chapter 8 auction and is still awaiting definitive announcements.
- 19. Fairfax General Plan Open Space Objectives:** Jack Judkins renamed this agenda item “Fairfax General Plan Inventory Priority Open Space Parcels” and postponed this item to the FOSC meeting in October.
- 20. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes and Notes from previous meetings** (discussion and possible action): The FOSC meeting notes for May 28, 2019 (no quorum) and the FOSC meeting minutes for June 25, 2019 were approved for submittal to the Town for posting.
- 21. Quorum Checks and Agendas for Remaining 2019 FOSC meetings** (discussion and possible action). FOSC voted to schedule only three more meetings in 2019: the regular meeting on September 24 (with a probable quorum even with planned absences by members Jack Judkins and Chris Borjian); a rescheduled October meeting on Tuesday, October 15 to avoid an apparent no quorum on October 22; and our annual combined November / December meeting on Tuesday, December 3 to avoid “regularly scheduled” meetings on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24. Michael Ardito will notify the Town and have the Town calendar reflect those changes.
- 22. FOSC Members Expressions.** None to report.
- 23. Adjournment** was about 9 p.m.