



MINUTES
REGULAR FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Community Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, September 24, 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 7:20 p.m. when a quorum was reached.
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Charles Cornwell, Chance Cutrano, Ruth Horn, Susan Pascal Beran (quorum)
Members Absent: Chris Borjian, Jack Judkins, Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund (youth member)
- 2. Approval of Agenda for September 24, 2019.** It was approved unanimously.
- 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.*) We had four guests but they visited with possible interest in applying as members.
- 4. FOSC Continuing Business** (updates, discussion and possible action on):
 - *Spring Lane properties near Sky Ranch:* Michael Ardito reported that Spring Lane property owner Hal Lezzeni passed on September 13 at age 94. Ardito will keep in contact with Lezzeni's realtor Russ Knudsen. Jack Judkins has drafted a letter for the residents on Spring Lane near the saw horse with a sign that there is no access to open space.
 - *Victory Village:* The FOSC Subcommittee has met with County Supervisor Katie Rice and she is helping identify some possible grant opportunities that may raise funds to purchase the back 18 open space acres at the Victory Village site. For example, Proposition 68 has made \$27.7 million available statewide for trails and open space. One application due date is October 16. Also, grant sources could include the Marin Community Foundation and short-term funding from the Marin Open Space Trust. We agreed to have Chance Cutrano develop a grant proposal for this open space under Prop 68.
 - *Marinda Heights/Wall property:* This item is on the Town Council agenda for Wednesday, November 6 regarding the contract approval to Ascent, the Request for Proposal winner for the California Environmental Quality Assessment / Environmental Impact Report.
 - *200 Toyon Drive:* It was mentioned that the Ben Ross property was on the market for \$885,000. Also, Northern Spotted baby owlets were spotted and photographed nearby the property ;
 - *Property for sale near Hawthorne Canyon Open Space in San Anselmo:* Michael Ardito reported that the San Anselmo Open Space Committee indicated they are awaiting completion of the Environmental Impact Report for the property before deciding whether funds should be raised to pursue purchase.
- 5. Reports from FOSC Committees and Subcommittees.** None
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Charles Cornwell reported that the FOSC account balance is \$41,782. We received \$1,072 in income from the music benefit concert held on September 7 by The Eleven band with FOSC help from former FOSC chair Mimi Newton. We agreed to send Mimi Newton a thank you note for leading this successful fundraising event. We received \$107 in income from the Fairfax Town Picnic on September 15.

- 7. Participation in annual Biketoberfest on Oct. 12** (discussion and possible action). We will reach out to FOSC member Chris Borjian as our primary contact with the Marin Bicycle Coalition to find out the status of our booth reservation. The Biketoberfest will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 12 at the Fair-Anselm Shopping Center parking lot. A FOSC booth duty sheet was passed around for sign-ups.
- 8. Next FOSC film night** (discussion and possible action). The documentary film “Rebels With a Cause” and the date of Friday night, November 15 at the Fairfax Women’s Club was selected. Chance Cutrano agreed to reach out to the film producers.
- 9. Update about FOSC website renewals and Town website** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito reported on the saga of the Fairfax Open Space.gov website domain and the annual dues to maintain FOSC ownership.
- 10. FOSC Outreach and Merchandise** (discussion and possible action). Chance Cutrano has ordered a supply of black, short-sleeve T-shirts in advance of the Biketoberfest.
- 11. Public Outreach** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran encouraged FOSC members to attend the Fairfax Town Council candidates’ night held by the League of Women Voters on Monday, October 7 at the Fairfax Women’s Club to hear if there are questions from the audience about open space. In another matter, Susan Pascal Beran indicated she is interested to start a FOSC blog on our portion of the Town website.
- 12. Open Space Fuel Loads and Fire Safe Marin** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran provided more details about the “Living With Fire” workshop to be held on the September 25.
- 13. New Housing Accountability Laws (and Impacts on Open Space):** Susan Pascal Beran reported reaching out to Town Planning Department Director Ben Berto regarding the belated rezoning of open space properties in the Town.
- 14. 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 new information.
- 15. County Tax Delinquent Properties Auction** (discussion and possible action): Ruth Horn reported that her communication with the County Assessor’s office indicates that an auction will not be held soon.
- 16. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes and Notes from previous meetings** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito emailed the draft minutes from several 2019 FOSC meetings. The minutes from July 23 were approved for posting with some minor changes to be incorporated before submission.
- 17. Quorum Checks and Agendas for Remaining 2019 FOSC meetings** (discussion and possible action). It appears that FOSC will have quorums for this year’s remaining meetings on Tuesday, October 15 and Tuesday, December 3.
- 18. FOSC Members Expressions.** Susan Pascal Beran suggested that FOSC hold a new member orientation “get together” when it is appropriate.
- 19. Adjournment** was at approximately 8:30 p.m.