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FAIRFAX and SAN ANSELMO OPEN SPACE COMMITTEES SPECIAL COMBINED MEETING

**Memorial Park, Picnic Area near Log Cabin, Veterans Place
(legal address 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.), San Anselmo, CA 94960
Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 7:00 PM**

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)

San Anselmo Open Space Members:

Jonathan Braun, Co-Chair	Peter Horn
Leonard Charles	Daniel Krebs
Brian Crawford	Karin Ludwig
Paul Foxx	Stanley Radtke, Co-Chair
Nancy Grover	Kathleen Sanders, Treasurer
Linda Hoch	Rene Voss

Susan Pascal Beran (FOSC) and Jonathan Braun / Stanley Radtke (SAOSC) co-chaired the combined meeting. During our potluck picnic dinner, introductions were conducted. Also, San Anselmo Councilman Brian Colbert (elected in 2017) conducted a question and answer session with the combined committees. Other San Anselmo guests included newly appointed Town Council Member Alexis Fineman (until November 2020 election). San Anselmo Planning Director Elise Semonian also attended.

Those attending the combined meeting from Fairfax Open Space Committee were: Michael Ardito, Charles Cornwell, Ruth Horn, and Chair Susan Pascal Beran. There was no quorum of five members; absent were Chris Borjian, Chance Cutrano, and Jack Judkins. Also attending was our ex-officio youth member Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund.

Those attending the combined meeting from San Anselmo Open Space were: Co-Chairs Jonathan Braun and Stanley Radtke; Paul Foxx, Nancy Grover, Linda Hoch, Peter Horn, Daniel Krebs (secretary), Kathleen Sanders (treasurer), and Rene Voss. Absent were: Leonard Charles, Brian Crawford and Karin Ludwig. Also in attendance was Katarina Radtke (only youth member applicant expected to be appointed soon).

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Special Combined Meeting Agenda for Aug. 21** was done about 7:18 p.m.
2. **Discussion and possible action for potential future collaborations between SAOSC and FOSC** (such as broom pulls; goats for vegetation management; open space fuel loads and Fire Safe Marin; film nights). *Regarding Scotch and French broom pulls*, the committees plan to let each other know when these activities will be conducted. The youth members at Drake will attempt to recruit high school students – particularly those needing community service points. Also, it was mentioned that we should also communicate with Terra Linda High School as some broom pulls may be conducted in open space between Sleepy Hollow and Terra Linda. It was mentioned that in the past there were

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts that participated in the broom pulls. *Regarding goats for vegetation management*, Ruth Horn mentioned the recent use of the goats in the Upper Ridgeway area in Fairfax was paid by the Town of Fairfax and there may be a potential to coordinate with San Anselmo, for example, with the Hawthorn Canyon area. SAOSC reported that goats have been used in the Red Hill and Sorich Hill areas, but this is very expensive. *Regarding open space fuel loads and Fire Safe Marin*, Susan Pascal Beran reported that at the Fire Wise Board meeting, the open space and wildland interface was discussed. *Regarding film nights*, FOSC planned to notify SAOSC about our upcoming film night fundraisers at the Fairfax Women's Club. This could be a combined effort such with the possibility of using the "classic" documentary "Rebels With a Cause" about saving the Marin Headlands from housing development in the 1960s.

3. **Annual Updates from Committees** (led by SAOSC and FOSC chairs). SAOSC reported that the Memorial Ridge Trail is now fully complete after being in development for 15 years. This was documented in the SAOSC annual newsletter and fundraiser appeal. Jonathan Braun mentioned that SAOSC has been looking into the possible purchase of a 9.5 acre open space parcel on Oak Springs in San Anselmo near the Fairfax border, the Wall property and Hawthorn Canyon Open Space. The parcel is on the market for \$1.5 million, but SAOSC requested help from Fairfax and FOSC for fundraising as it would benefit open space in both towns. FOSC reported that senior housing at Victory Village is now being built. FOSC is in discussion with Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice, Marin Open Space Trust (MOST) and others to figure out the feasibility of purchasing all or part of the 18 back acres of open space for sale. One parcel includes the "Joan Baez" amphitheater. In another matter, Michael Ardito reported that the FOSC website is now officially under the Town's website. A few months ago, the three-minute promotional video about FOSC was produced by Drake High School Com Academy students and the link is now posted to the FOSC website.
4. **Discussion on New Housing Accountability Laws (and Impacts on Open Space)** – Susan Pascal Beran reported that last month FOSC met with Fairfax Planning Director Ben Berto about these issues. Cities and towns in California have been deprived of some local control in regards to housing development and some Environmental Impact Reports. Fairfax is looking at objective standards to limit density and development on steep hills. Apparently, it is difficult to deny "in-fill areas" from housing.
5. **Announcements of upcoming events:** (a) SAOSC will again have its information booth at San Anselmo Country Fair Day and Parade on Sunday, Sept. 29; (b) FOSC will have its benefit concert with The Eleven (Grateful Dead tribute band) at Peri Park on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. (c) FOSC will again have a table and tent at the annual Fairfax Town Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 15 from noon to 5 p.m.; (d) FOSC is planning to have an information table and tent at the annual Biketoberfest on Sat. Oct. 12 (e) The Town of Fairfax will hold its annual Streets for People on Sun. afternoon Oct. 13 with Bolinas Road closed to traffic from Broadway to Elsie Road. (f) other pertinent events announcements: Jonathan Braun mentioned that San Anselmo will hold its annual fundraiser next April with a guest lecture, potluck dinner and benefit raffle.
6. **Open Time for Comment:** (a) FOSC and SAOSC Members' Expressions: (b) Public comments. *(The public is welcome to address the Committees at this time on matters not on the agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the Committees are 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.) None.*

The Committees then addressed independent business separately starting about 8 p.m.

Continuation of Fairfax Open Space Committee Meeting (8:00 p.m. approximately)

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Charles Cornwell reported that the Town recently received a check for \$466 from Iron Springs for the Give Back Tuesday annual fundraiser for FOSC on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.
8. **Thank you card to Iron Springs** – Michael Ardito passed around a thank you card to be signed by FOSC members.
9. **Clarification on church open space** (discussion and possible action) - Michael Ardito reported that subsequent to the FOSC meeting in July, he learned that the church property open space parcel in Fairfax that was recently discussed is owned by the Jehovah Witnesses and not the Seventh Day Adventist church. So, approved minutes at the FOSC meeting in July were withheld from official posting so there will not be further perpetuation of incorrect information.
10. **Approval of minutes and notes from previous meetings** (discussion and possible action) – Michael Ardito reported that without a quorum this matter will be continued to the next regular FOSC meeting.
11. **Fairfax Open Space web sites and renewals** (discussion and possible action) – Michael Ardito reported that this matter will be postponed to the next meeting agenda.
12. **FOSC Continuing Business** (updates, discussion and possible action on: Spring Lane properties near Sky Ranch; Victory Village; Marinda Heights / Wall property; 200 Toyon Drive). There were no further updates other than mentioned at the combined FOSC / SAOSC meeting.
13. **FOSC Outreach and Merchandise** (discussion and possible action). This item is postponed to the next meeting.
14. **FOSC Subcommittee assignments and reports** (discussion and possible action). None
15. **FOSC Preparations for Upcoming Events** (Benefit Concert; Town Picnic; Biketoberfest) discussion and possible action. FOSC needs to distribute promotional posters for the Sept. 7 benefit concert. FOSC needs to coordinate with Maria Baird in advance of the Town Picnic. FOSC needs to negotiate our fee and submit the application for participation in Biketoberfest.
16. **Status of Fairfax auction properties** (discussion and possible action) – Ruth Horn reported that she has contacted Liz Clark at the Marin County Assessor's Office and they are getting ready to soon announce an auction of tax delinquent properties.
17. **Quorum check and agendas for next FOSC meetings** (Aug. 27 and/or Sept. 24). It appears that there will be a quorum for our next regular meeting on Aug. 27. Michael Ardito encouraged members to bring planning calendars to the next meeting to determine dates when FOSC will likely have quorums to conduct business.
18. **FOSC Members Expressions:** None
19. **Adjournment** (was approximately 8:30 p.m.)