



MINUTES
SPECIAL FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Community Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, October 15, 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 7:09 p.m.
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Chance Cutrano, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran (quorum).
Members Absent: Chris Borjian, Charles Cornwell, Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund (youth member).
- 2. Approval of Agenda for October 15, 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.*) None.
- 4. FOSC Continuing Business** (updates, discussion and possible action on): *Spring Lane properties near Sky Ranch:* Jack Judkins drafted a letter to the property owners regarding placement of the sawhorse with a “no access” sign that was on the paper road / trail leading to Sky Ranch open space. Jack was informed that Town staff will deal with the property owners. - *Victory Village:* Chance Cutrano and other FOSC members have conducted outreach to FOSC partners regarding saving open space at the senior housing development. Resources for Community Development has been open to the idea of FOSC acquiring the open space. The Marin Community Foundation and/or Marin Open Space Trust may be able to help financially. Chance is continuing to work on a Proposition 68 grant proposal. Susan Pascal Beran has written a letter to the son of Joan Baez regarding the amphitheater stage at which she once performed for a charity event. Her son is a resident of Fairfax, but no response has been received yet; - *Marinda Heights/Wall property:* The Fairfax Town Council has an agenda item on the upcoming meeting regarding approval of the contractor to perform the required Environmental Impact Report (EIR). (This agenda item was subsequently postponed to a later date.) *200 Toyon Drive:* Susan Pascal Beran reported that baby owls have been observed in the vicinity of the property. Also, FOSC members learned that the asking price of the Ben Ross property declined from \$885,000 to \$799,000. *Property for sale near Hawthorne Canyon Open Space in San Anselmo:* Michael Ardito reported that the EIR still needs to be completed before determination can be made whether the property is environmentally suitable for housing.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report:** Charles Cornwell was absent so this item was postponed to the next meeting.
- 6. Evaluate FOSC Participation in Annual Biketoberfest** on Oct. 12 (discussion and possible action). There was FOSC consensus that next year we should again pursue a spot at the main parking lot with a tent from the Fairfax Volunteers Board. However, we hope to be further away from the music stage and closer to the Fairfax Post Office at the Fair-Anselm Shopping Center.
- 7. Next FOSC film night for Friday, November 15** (discussion and possible action). Chance Cutrano has talked with the “Rebels With a Cause” documentary film producer. He heard that musician/singer Bonnie Raitt may be interested in donating the \$100 film rental fee usually charged for community showings. Also, Chance indicated that FOSC could purchase a DVD copy for \$40. FOSC voted to reimburse Chance for up to \$100 for the screening rights. Chance and other

members have arranged for an excellent discussion panel to appear after showing the film. Colin Kelly, associate director at Climate Works Foundation, has agreed to be the panel moderator. Panel members include: Patricia Arrigoni, community activist; Huey Johnson, former California Secretary of Resources, 1977-82 and founder of the Trust for Public Land; Kenneth Brower, American environmental writer; Bob Praetzel, the lawyer who helped to successfully defeat the proposed development of Marinello in the Marin headlands; and Chance Cutrano, FOSC member and director at Resource Renewal Institute. Marty Griffin from the Audubon Ranch was also invited. We established a small subcommittee to make final plans for this fundraising event: Susan Pascal Beran, Chance Cutrano, Michael Ardito and Jack Judkins. We agreed on a suggested \$5 donation to benefit FOSC at this event being held at the Fairfax Women's Club. There also will be refreshments available.

- 8. Update about FOSC website renewals and Town website** (discussion and possible action). At this time we "own" the website domains for fairfaxopenspace.com and fairfaxopenspace.org. We will request that Camille Esposito, the town's webmaster, redirect those websites to our new FOSC place on the Fairfax Town website.
- 9. FOSC Outreach and Merchandise** (discussion and possible action). No new developments.
- 10. Open Space Fuel Loads and Fire Safe Marin** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran had nothing new to report.
- 11. New Housing Accountability Laws** (and Impacts on Open Space): Susan Pascal Beran had nothing new to report.
- 12. Fairfax Planning Commission and Concept to Amend General Plan Land Use Designations and Rezoning Town Owned or Designated Open Space Properties** (discussion and possible action). Chance Cutrano will reach out to Town Planning Director Ben Berto for more information.
- 13. Fairfax General Plan Inventory Priority Open Space Parcels:** Jack Judkins (discussion and possible action). The Town adopted Priority Conservation Areas. Ben Berto sent a list of parcels linked to Fairfax maps and which parcels were intended for open space. Chance Cutrano and Jack Judkins will contact Chris Borjian and follow-up with that list.
- 14. Reports from FOSC Committees and Subcommittees.** None.
- 15. 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 reports.
- 16. County Tax Delinquent Properties Auction** (discussion and possible action): Ruth Horn reported that Liz Clark at the County Assessor's office indicated there will be no auction in 2019, but it may be held in October 2020.
- 17. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes and Notes from previous meetings** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito went over four documents. The FOSC minutes were approved for the April 23 and August 27, 2019 meetings as well as notes from the combined meeting with the San Anselmo Open Space Committee held on August 21. Those can now be posted for the record. The first reading was held for the draft minutes from the FOSC meeting on September 24, 2019 and several items will be corrected or expanded for approval at the next FOSC meeting.
- 18. Quorum Check and Agenda for Dec. 3, 2019 FOSC meeting** (discussion and possible action). Chance will not be available to appear physically for the next meeting, but may be available by conference call.
- 19. FOSC Members Expressions.** None
- 20. Adjournment** was at 9:10 p.m.