



MINUTES
SPECIAL FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Park Road / Community Center, Fairfax, CA 94930
Tuesday, December 3, 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)
Brad Handel	

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Chris Borjian, Charles Cornwell, Brad Handel, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund (youth member)
Member Absent: Chance Cutrano
- 2. Welcome to New FOSC Member:** Brad Handel. FOSC members will provide an orientation for new member(s) in the new calendar year.
- 3. Approval of FOSC Agenda for December 3, 2019.** The agenda was approved.
- 4. 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 one visitor, Kirstin Asher, a potential applicant to become a FOSC member.
- 5. FOSC Continuing Business** (updates, discussion and possible action on):
(a) Spring Lane properties near Sky Ranch: Jack Judkins will check with Fairfax Town Planning and Building official Mark Lockaby for clarification of communication with the property owners regarding the “no access” sign on the paper road / trail leading to Sky Ranch.
(b) Victory Village: It was reported that Chance Cutrano worked on a parks grant for acquisition of open space, but the proposal was rejected. Susan Pascal Beran reported that Gabriel Harris informed his mother, Joan Baez about the amphitheater stage area behind the current construction site at Victory Village. Jack Judkins will reach out to someone at the Marin Housing Board regarding the project’s funding status
(c) Marinda Heights/Wall property: The owner, Marshall Rothman, is revising his plans prior to the Town Council discussing the status of the needed Environmental Impact Report.
(d) 200 Toyon Drive: Owner Ben Ross has reduced the asking price of his property by \$54,000 for the new listing at \$675,000;
(e) Property for sale near Hawthorne Canyon Open Space in San Anselmo
- 6. Treasurer’s Report:** Charles Cornwell reported that FOSC received \$190 in sales / donations at the Biketoberfest. FOSC received \$453 in donations for attendance and refreshments at the film night last month. Our FOSC account holds \$42,970.06 which includes a balance of \$1376.75 in PayPal receipts.
- 7. Review of FOSC film night on Friday, November 15** (discussion and possible action). This item will be reviewed at our February 2020 meeting.
- 8. Update about FOSC website renewals and Town website** (discussion and possible action). This item will be rescheduled for a meeting in the first half of 2020.
- 9. FOSC Public Outreach, Merchandise and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible action). Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund mentioned that she is a member of Drake High School’s “Mountain Lovers Club” and we may be able to coordinate / consolidate project activities. Michael Ardito will provide Susan Pascal Beran with the contact information for nature walk leader Nick Nutu.
- 10. Open Space Fuel Loads and Fire Safe Marin** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran mentioned that there will be a Fire Safe Marin workshop at the Fairfax Women’s Club on

Sunday, January 26, 2020. We will look at the possibility of broom pulls in 2020 at our January 28 meeting.

- 11. New Housing Accountability Laws** (and Impacts on Open Space) discussion. Susan Pascal Beran and Jack Judkins will look into the impacts from SB 35.
- 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). Susan Pascal Beran will look into details about rezoning issues for FOSC. Meanwhile, it was reported that at our August 2019 meeting with the SAOSC, we were informed that the San Anselmo Planning Commission was to hold a public hearing to consider an ordinance that would create a new Open Space (OS) zoning district and would rezone several undeveloped parcels owned by the Town of San Anselmo to the Open Space zoning designation, including the lots in the Hawthorne Canyon open space area.
- 13. Fairfax General Plan Inventory Priority Open Space Parcels:** Jack Judkins (discussion and possible action). There was nothing new to report.
- 14. Reports from FOSC Committees, Subcommittees and Review of FOSC Member Assignments.** New member Brad Handel can review the list of subcommittees and see what he is interested in joining. Meanwhile, Susan Pascal Beran has asked to be added to the Fundraising Subcommittee.
- 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. Ruth Horn mentioned that the SAOSC has mailed out their annual newsletter with a report about the completion of the Memorial Ridge Trail.
- 16. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes and Notes from previous meetings** (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito distributed copies of the draft minutes for the FOSC meetings on September 24, 2019 (approved for posting) and October 15, 2019 (postponed for approval at the January 2020 meeting).
- 17. Quorum Check, Agenda for Tues. Jan. 28, 2020 FOSC meeting, and FOSC 2020 calendar** (discussion and possible action). Jack Judkins may be away for the January meeting. Chris Borjian clarified that the Biketoberfest in 2020 will be on Saturday, October 10. Michael Ardito will check with Maria Baird to determine the date when the Fairfax Town Picnic will be held. He will also reach out to Iron Springs Fairfax to request the FOSC preference to hold our annual Give Back Tuesday on June 16.
- 18. FOSC Members Expressions:** (a) Michael Ardito distributed a thank you card for FOSC member signatures to Mimi Newton, former FOSC chair, which said “We are so thankful for your leadership and hard work to promote the annual benefit music concert by the Eleven tribute band held this year on September 7th at Peri Park. It was this year’s biggest fundraiser (\$1,072 received) for the Fairfax Open Space Committee.” (b) An owl survey by Point Blue could be used for FOSC information regarding Fairfax open space properties. Dahlia mentioned that her dad works with the Institute for Bird Populations and may also provide us with valuable information. Ruth is interested in reaching out to the Fairfax Tree Committee regarding the potential coordination for planting (baby) trees in Fairfax open space areas. Dahlia mentioned that her Drake club may be able to help with the planting of trees.
- 19. Adjournment** was at 8:40 p.m.