



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7 p.m.
By Teleconference and Videoconference Only

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	Jonathan Sicroff
Brad Handel	Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund, Youth Member (ex officio)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ADVISORY NOTICE

Consistent with State of California Executive Order Nos. N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the Marin County Public Health Officer's Orders directing residents to shelter at home, this meeting was held via teleconference / videoconference only. There was an in-person physical meeting location.

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SPECIAL MEETING (Started at approximately 7 p.m.)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Members present (via teleconference / videoconference): Michael Ardito, Charles Cornwell, Chance Cutrano, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, Jonathan Sicroff (FOSC quorum)
Members absent: Chris Borjian, Brad Handel, Dahlia Siegel-Zigmund
- 2. Approval of Agenda** and affidavit of posting; Approved.
- 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.*). There was one guest on the Zoom call, Owen Frank, a resident of Fairfax regarding the Marinda Heights / Wall property issues.
- 4. FOSC Continuing Business** (updates, discussion and possible action on): (a) *Spring Lane properties near Sky Ranch:* Michael Ardito reported that he rode his bicycle today up to the paper road between 53 and 65 Spring Lane. The saw horse with "No Public Access to Open Space" sign was still there and placed across the road. FOSC members agree that the next step is to send reminders to Town Manager Garrett Toy, Public Works Director Mark Lockaby and to FOSC liaison Barbara Coler. (b) *Victory Village:* Chance Cutrano volunteered to contact Resources for Community Development's Adam Levine regarding the status of the open space lots on the market. We believe the senior housing construction was shut down during the early part of the pandemic sheltering-in-place. There may have also been cost overruns. (c) *Marinda Heights/Wall property:* The project's Environmental Impact Study assignment is on the Town Council agenda for June 3

(subsequently postponed again). Meanwhile, FOSC guest Owen Frank and FOSC new member Jonathan Sicroff were advised to read the many documents posted on the Town's website regarding the issues under the Planning Department and the Open Space Committee for its recommendations. (d) *200 Toyon Drive/Ben Ross property*: Susan Pascal Beran recently visited the site. There was no construction going on, but lots of debris (such as Scotch broom thrown around) and story poles erected for the Planning Commission. With the property for sale, Chance Cutrano reported that Marin Open Space Trust may be interested in helping with a purchase. Ruth Horn reported that David Hanson on the MOST Board was interested in seeing the appraisal that FOSC had prepared some years ago. Jack Judkins will ensure that a copy of this appraisal is provided to MOST. Jack Judkins requested the email address for MOST's Bill Long. Chance indicated Carl Somers may also be interested in attending our June 23 meeting (e) *Upper Ridgeway Trail*: Ruth Horn has reached out to Frank Egger about the history of the steps from Willow to Upper Ridgeway. Susan Pascal Beran will accompany Ruth for a visit to the site to see what needs to be done. (f) *Town information and interaction with FOSC*. During the pandemic lockdown FOSC has been coordinating with Town Clerk Michele Gardner about arranging for this special Zoom call. In the meantime, FOSC has attempted to improve our coordination with the Fairfax Planning Commission. Michael Ardito will email FOSC members with the link to the archived power point presentation given to the Planning Commission on May 27, 2020 regarding Objective Design and Development Standards.

5. **Concept to Amend General Plan Land Use Designations and Rezoning Town Owned Open Space** (discussion and possible action). The FOSC ad hoc Subcommittee to work on this project includes Fairfax Tree Committee member Kathy Flores. This Subcommittee met in person after the February FOSC meeting and prior to the pandemic sheltering-in-place. When appropriate, FOSC will invite Town Manager Garrett Toy to a meeting to discuss the rezoning of town-owned open space.
6. **Review of Assignments and Reports from FOSC Committees / Subcommittees** (discussion and possible action). Susan Pascal Beran requested to be added to the Joint FOSC / San Anselmo Open Space Subcommittee. Jack Judkins requested to be dropped from the General Plan Open Space Element Subcommittee.
7. **Treasurer's Report**. Charles Cornwell reported that FOSC has \$41,693.31 in our regular account and \$1,484.75 in our PayPal account for a total of \$43,178.06.
8. **Impact of Cancelled FOSC Film Night and "Give Back Tuesday"** (discussion and possible action). (a) Chance Cutrano reported that "The Shame of Point Reyes" documentary can be streamed for those still wanting to watch it. The film night previously scheduled for Friday, April 3 was cancelled due to the pandemic. The Federal public comment period has ended regarding a time extension for dairy farming and agricultural land leasing at Point Reyes National Seashore. Chance reported that June 20th will be the end of the 30-day waiting period for legal challenges. (b) Our next film fundraiser with a panel discussion was suggested to be the environmental film "2040." It is currently available for streaming by the California Film Institute and the Rafael Theater. (c) Regarding the cancellation of Give Back Tuesday at Fairfax Iron Springs on June 16 during the pandemic, Michael Ardito suggested we promote "Take-Out Thursdays" at Iron Springs because the pub / restaurant is currently closed on Tuesdays but doing take-out on Thursdays thru Mondays. FOSC voted to promote business support to Iron Springs this June even though FOSC will not receive any proceeds. Susan Pascal Beran volunteered to develop an electronic flyer from FOSC to send out to our constant contact list.
9. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible action). No updates.
10. **Open Space Fuel Loads and Fire Safe Marin** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran had no updates. Michael Ardito reported that he watched the recent and fascinating webinar by the Marin Conservation League about Marin using goats to do vegetation management. Ardito promised to email that archived webinar link to FOSC members.
11. **Discussion: New Housing Accountability Laws** (and Impacts on Open Space). No updates.
12. **Reports of activities from partner agencies** such as San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC); Bay Area Open Space Council; Marin Open Space Commission; Marin Conservation

League: FOSC representatives (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito will reach out to Jonathan Braun with the SAOSC about the potential for our annual combined meeting in August. Ardito also reported that this spring the Bay Area Open Space Council renamed itself as “Together Bay Area.” Ardito has been forwarding communications from Together Bay Area to FOSC members. Ardito plans to “attend” some future Zoom meetings this summer by the Marin Conservation League’s Marin Parks and Open Space Committee and report back to FOSC.

- 13. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes from previous meetings** (discussion and possible action): FOSC approved the minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting and Michael Ardito will post the final version. He just completed the minutes from the February 25 meeting and will make some needed changes / corrections and resend prior to the next meeting.
- 14. FOSC 2020 Calendar Updates**, Quorum Check, Agendas, Format/Location for Next and Future FOSC Meetings This Year (discussion and possible action). FOSC is assuming our next regular meeting will be on Zoom and allowed for Tuesday, June 23. Also, the youth member interview panel / subcommittee will hold a Zoom call with an applicant on Thursday, June 4.
- 15. Adjournment** was at approximately 8:45 p.m.