



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.**  
**By Teleconference and Videoconference Only**

**Fairfax Open Space Members:**

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Jack Judkins, Vice Chair
Chris Borjian	Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Brad Handel	Jonathan Sicroff
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary	Sophie Taubman, Youth Member (ex officio)

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**Agenda Preamble / Land Acknowledgement:** *The Fairfax Open Space Committee acknowledges that we are located on the un-ceded ancestral lands of the Coast Miwok people of present-day Marin County. We honor with gratitude the land itself and all of its ancestors: past, present and emerging.*

**REGULAR MEETING** (Starts at 7 p.m.)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair opened the meeting when a quorum was reached at 7:17 p.m.

*Members Present:* Michael Ardito, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, Jonathan Sicroff, (quorum); Sophie Taubman (youth member, ex officio)

*Members Absent:* Chris Borjian, Brad Handel

*Guests:* Town Council Members Chance Cutrano and Stephanie Hellman; Tree Committee Member Deborah Lee Benson; Pamela Miegs, Stephen Keese

- 2. Approval of Agenda and affidavit of posting.** Approved.

- 3. Update: FOSC Calendar 2021 and Exhibit Fundraiser** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran reported that with Jack Judkins' recent help at Fairfax Market \$100 was raised from the "Wonderfully Wild Marin" calendar sales. There are also two weekends scheduled of a pop-up holiday store for the calendar sales along with the artist showcase. There are about 70 calendars left in the inventory. There was a taped spotlight piece recently on local TV with some artists and Town open space champions. A virtual show for the art work will also be shown on local cable. Susan Pascal Beran reported that up to \$1,000 is being requested to pay calendar vendors such as printing and mailing. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse FOSC Chair Beran up to \$1,000 for these calendars.
- 4. Treasurer's Quarterly Report** (July to September 2020). Former Treasurer Chance Cutrano reported that the Town has new financial accounting software. Therefore, Michael Vivrette was not able to produce a FOSC report for the July thru September quarter. Recently, from calendar sales about \$2,839 was added to the FOSC account. Also, \$50 from T-shirt sales were added for a total deposit of \$2,889. There was a discussion about the correct donation information received to the Town and FOSC via the PayPal service. It was reported that former FOSC member and Treasurer Charles Cornwell still has the FOSC accounting books and cashbox.
- 5. Selection of New FOSC Treasurer** (discussion and possible action). There were no immediate volunteers to take over the treasurer duties. Susan Pascal Beran, Jack Judkins and Michael Ardito will share the Treasurer responsibilities until a replacement is found.
- 6. Recruitment for Two New FOSC Members** (discussion and possible action). Jack Judkins volunteered to coordinate the vacancies announcement with the Town newsletter. There can also be announcements on Next Door.
- 7. Updates on FOSC Adoption of Acquisitions Subcommittee Recommendations** (discussion and possible action): The Acquisitions Subcommittee has had additional meetings and is working on carrying out the FOSC-approved recommendation that the Subcommittee explore the feasibility, hurdles and alternatives to acquisition of the Wall / Marinda property in order to preserve the property or portions of it for open space and public use. Jack Judkins communicated briefly with Ben Berto, the Town's Planning Director. Regarding the Marinda Heights CEQA environmental impact report (EIR), the property owner has not yet provided to the Town the required funds necessary to proceed on the EIR.
- 8. Assignments and Reports from other FOSC Committees / Subcommittees** (discussion and possible action.) No further reports at this time.
- 9. Report from Special Tree Committee Meeting on Nov. 16, 2020** (Vegetation Management Plans): Michael Ardito represented FOSC for this special meeting with the Fairfax Tree Committee and the Ross Valley Fire Department regarding the discussions about saving versus removing trees for new construction projects. One rule is to have trees be 30 feet from a residence. It was reported that Fairfax and San Anselmo have their own rules, but there is a need for standardized best practices. For example, some trees on hillsides can help prevent mudslides during raining periods. Some bay tree canopies can be "explosive" during a fire, but can also serve as a fire break. There will need to more interface and meetings with others about these issues. Another focus with the RVFD will be preparing for possible evacuations during a wildfire.
- 10. FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible action). The nature walks and some other activities are being postponed until people can meet safely after the pandemic.
- 11. Reports of activities from partner agencies** such as San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC); Together Bay Area; One Tam: FOSC representatives (discussion and possible action). The SAOSC has been dealing with and discouraging the formation of illegal trails. Ardito will email FOSC members with the link to the notes and recordings for the 2020 One Tam Virtual Summit on "Climate Change and Resilience." The website link is [www.onetam.org/summit](http://www.onetam.org/summit). The website includes the agendas, additional resources and speaker bios for the five Thursday sessions during the month of October. One Tam is the consortium that includes planning and stewardship for government agencies (federal, state, county, Marin Municipal Water District and watershed) dealing with the lands of Mount Tamalpais.

- 12. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes** from previous meetings (discussion and possible action): The approval of meeting minutes will be postponed until the next FOSC meeting in January. Jack Judkins will be reviewing and providing some editorial changes to the draft minutes for the September 22 and October 27, 2020 FOSC meetings.
- 13. Next Regular FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021:** Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito
- 14. FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions allowed).
- 15. FOSC Update on Tribute** and Expression of Condolences to Family of James Redford (discussion and possible action). Some complimentary FOSC / SAOSC 2021 calendars were provided to the Redford Family. A letter to the Redford Family in Fairfax was sent suggesting that future FOSC Film Nights and the series of those fundraising events will be held in honor of James “Jamie” Redford. The next film night may be held via Zoom. The community has requested that a future film to be shown for a FOSC film night be “The Shame of Pt. Reyes.”
- 16. Meeting Adjournment** was at 9:00 p.m.