



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 27, 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
Chance Cutrano, Treasurer	Jonathan Sicroff
Brad Handel	Sophie Taubman, Youth Member (ex officio)
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary	

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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 Zoom meeting at 7:06
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Chance Cutrano, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, Jonathan Sicroff. Quorum achieved. Youth member Sophie Taubman joined Zoom call about 8 p.m.
Members Absent: Chris Borjian and Brad Handel
- 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.) None.

4. **FOSC Calendar 2021 and Exhibit Fundraiser** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran reported that \$1,160 so far has been received for sales of the Wonderfully Wild Marin calendar. Some calendars were given away as gifts. Susan and Chance are putting a list together of those people receiving receivers of the calendar as a gift (such as the contributing artists). Fairfax Variety and the Good Earth have agreed to take calendars for selling. Sophie Taubman has developed flyers to advertise the calendars. Susan reported that FOSC paid Uline for white envelopes at \$74.30; and \$1,374.81 to Golden Ideas to print the full color glossy calendars. FOSC approved a motion to approve an additional \$120 to pay for extra costs associated with the calendars.
5. **Treasurer's Quarterly Report:** Chance Cutrano postponed report until next meeting.
6. **Report and Requests for FOSC Adoption of Acquisitions Subcommittee Recommendations:** Discussion and Possible Action regarding the relative priority of four properties potentially available for acquisition: (a) *Wall property / Marinda Heights*; (b) *Two parcels behind Victory Village*; (c) *Tax-defaulted properties in Upper Ridgeway area*; (d) *200 Toyon / Ben Ross property*. At the FOSC meeting of September 2020, the Acquisitions Subcommittee had reported to FOSC that it had developed a Framework for assessing relative priority of open space properties under the existing FOSC-adopted and Town Council-approved (2011) "Priority Criteria for Protecting Open Space." The Subcommittee also reported at the September meeting that it had applied the Framework in order to rank the four properties identified above. (For details on the process and ranking, see September 2020 FOSC meeting minutes.) At this meeting, the Subcommittee reiterated that process and results of the assessments and asked FOSC to take following actions:
 1. To approve the use of the Framework in assessing the relative priority of open space properties.
 2. To approve the ranking of the *Wall / Marinda Heights property* by the Subcommittee as the highest priority of the four properties and to authorize the Subcommittee to continue exploring the feasibility, hurdles and alternatives to acquisition in order to preserve the property or portions of it for open space and public use.
 3. To approve the ranking of the *Victory Village parcels* as the next in priority of the four properties and to authorize the committee to continue to explore the possibility of acquisition.
 4. To approve the ranking of the *Upper Ridgeway tax-defaulted properties* as the next in order of priority and to authorize the Subcommittee to follow the process of tax default for these properties.
 5. To approve the ranking of the *200 Toyon / Ben Ross property* as the lowest in priority, but recognizing, however, that FOSC should continue to follow and monitor the preservation of the special status wildlife and plants on the property and the implementation of public access and parking, should development on the property occur.A motion to adopt these recommendations was moved by Jack Judkins and seconded by Susan Pascal Beran and approved by unanimous vote of FOSC.
7. **Assignments and Reports from other FOSC Committees / Subcommittees** (discussion and possible action). None.
8. **Spring Lane Access Way Report** (discussion and possible action). Jack Judkins reported that the Spring Lane access to Sky Ranch / Bald Hill has been used for decades. Jack has talked with Linda Neal and Mark Lockaby at the Town about contacting the owner for resolution of the issue of the sawhorse in the paper road.
9. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible action). Six FOSC shirts have been sold since the last meeting. Otherwise, activities have been on hold during the pandemic.
10. **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).

Ardito will provide a more detailed report about the One Tam weekly workshops that have been held each Thursday morning in October.

- 11. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes from previous meetings** (discussion and possible action): The minutes from August 25, 2020 were approved for posting with the addition of one line for agenda item #5 – “There will be an opportunity to include the open space designations when the General Plan’s land use zoning is revised in a few years. The Open Space Committee will revisit the item at a later date when appropriate.”
- 12. FOSC 2020 Calendar Updates** (combined Nov/Dec meeting on Dec. 8), Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action): It appears there will be a quorum on Dec. 8.
- 13. FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions allowed). Sophie is working on a FOSC website project which has no deadline.
- 14. FOSC Plans for Tribute and Expression of Condolences** to Family of James Redford (discussion and possible action). Michael Ardito suggested naming the meadow at Sky Ranch in honor of Jamie Redford, but Jonathan Braun with SAOSC reported that the Marin County Open Space District won’t name open space or trails after individuals. FOSC will honor Jamie Redford at our next film night fundraiser after the pandemic. Meanwhile, Susan Pascal Beran will send the family a letter of condolences with a copy of our FOSC / SAOSC Open Space calendar for 2021.
- 15. Adjournment in Memory of James “Jamie” Redford** was at 8:50 p.m.