



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 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
Heather Duplaisir	Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Diego Gonzalez	Jonathan Sicroff
Brad Handel	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
Members present: Michael Ardito, Chris Borjian, Heather Duplaisir, Diego Gonzalez, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, Jonathan Sicroff, Sophie Taubman
Member absent: Brad Handel
Guests: FOSC Liaison from Town Council Chance Cutrano; former Fairfax Mayor Frank Egger; Levi Miller.
- 2. Approval of Agenda and affidavit of posting.** The agenda was approved for tonight. It was posted on the Town's website and physically posted on May 21, 2021.
- 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. Concrete Pipe Road** (discussion and possible action): Guest Levi Miller brought this multi-use trail issue to the attention of FOSC. Sometime last fall the new homeowner posted a no trespassing sign on his property even though the public has had access since at least 1975. Mr. Miller's research indicated that there has been an easement deed attached to the property since May 24, 1993. The property is near Sky Oaks on Bolinas Avenue and within the Marin County Open Space District, but only about a half-block outside the Town of Fairfax. The property owner's house is the last before reaching the Marin Municipal Water District gate. Levi and/or others will contact the MCOSD or the MMWD to investigate this matter. Jack Judkins will take a look at this situation and contact MMWD Board Member Larry Bragman.
- 5. Update on Bio-Blitz events** (discussion and possible action) Susan Pascal Beran and Heather Duplaisir announced that the Bio-Blitz has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 16 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will be conducted near the Wall property using the iNaturalist application for training and informational purposes.
- 6. Photo Survey Project** (discussion and possible action) Susan Pascal Beran announced that Donald Kinney and George Osner are taking photos.
- 7. Treasurer's Report and Selection of New FOSC Treasurer** (discussion and possible action). Diego Gonzalez was unanimously selected as the new FOSC Treasurer. Jack Judkins has the Treasurer materials (cashbox and ledger received from former Treasurer Charles Cornwell) to be transferred to Diego.
- 8. FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible action). Frank Egger reiterated his invitation to host a guided tour for Town officials (including FOSC members) of the Frank Egger Redwood Preserve as well as the Gloria Duncan Creekside Preserve. Both tours can probably be scheduled for the same day. Nick Nutu informed Susan Pascal Beran that he is interested in setting up Nature Walk for a Sunday in May.
- 9. FOSC and Housing, Land Use, and Safety Elements Update** (discussion and possible action) Ben Berto, Town Planning Director. This agenda item is being scheduled for a presentation at the next FOSC meeting in May about the goals and requirements of the Association of Bay Area Governments.
- 10. Assignments and Reports from FOSC Committees / Subcommittees** (discussion and possible action). This item and #11 were combined for the discussion. The newly reformed Subcommittees and assignments were made as the following:
Acquisitions: Jonathan, Ruth, Susan, Jack
Governance: Diego, Brad, Susan, Jack
Stewardship: Diego, Michael, Heather, Chris
Community Outreach & Fundraising: Heather, Michael, Brad, Jonathan

- 11. FOSC Framework for SMART Annual Goals for FY 2021-22:** Jonathan Sicroff and Jack Judkins (discussion and possible action). Each of the subcommittees should meet prior to the FOSC meeting on May 25 to refine goals and report back at the next meeting. Jack will edit what goals are already developed and send out to the full FOSC.
- 12. Auction Properties Status** (discussion and possible action) Ruth Horn and Jack Judkins. Ruth reported her discussion with Liz Clark, Marin County Tax Collector's Office. Nothing can happen with unpaid tax parcels before May 4, 2021, per State Mandate set after COVID-19 lockdown in spring of 2020. The County has made tentative plans for after May 4, 2021: two separate sales for different types of property. The first sale, Sealed Bid, is tentatively scheduled for August. The auction lot sale is tentatively set for October. (It is this sale that the Town has priority if the taxes have not been paid right up to the very last minute.) Liz cautioned that Fairfax would need to be ready with a package (approval from boards and councils, etc.). Things can take place very quickly. However, Jack reminded everyone that the purchase of auction properties is way down on the FOSC priorities list.
- 13. Reports of activities from partner agencies** such as San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC); Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee; Together Bay Area; One Tam: FOSC representatives (discussion and possible action). Michael reported that the MCL continues to discuss the Cascade Canyon / Elliott Nature Preserve issues. There were 192 individual comments received on the proposal for the bridges. The formal response to the comments will take three to six months. For a future meeting we may want to invite a representative from the Marin County Parks and Open Space. Max Korten is very busy, but perhaps someone like Jon Campo can be invited. Frank Egger indicated that the property owned by the Town should have been formally annexed.
- 14. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes** from previous meetings (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito presented the February 23, 2021 minutes that were approved for finalization to be posted to the Town's website and submitted for the Town Clerk's records. The minutes for the March 23, 2021 FOSC meeting were submitted today for review and will be postponed for approval until the next meeting in May.
- 15. Next Regular FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021:** Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito reported that even with Jack Judkins absence for the May meeting, there still seemed to be an excellent possibility FOSC will have a quorum.
- 16. FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions allowed). Susan Pascal Beran reported that she received a thank you note from Kyle Redford, widow of James "Jamie" Redford regarding our condolences and plans to honor Jamie with future FOSC film nights.
- 17. Adjournment** was at 9:05 p.m