



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 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
Heather Duplaisir	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.* (Read by Michael Ardito)

REGULAR MEETING (Starts at 7 p.m.)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
All members present!
Guests included: Council Member / FOSC liaison Chance Cutrano; former Town Mayor Frank Egger; FOSC member applicant Diego Gonzales; and Greg Dicum.
- 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 Friday, April 23, 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.*)
 - Diego Gonzalez reported that his Town Council interview has been scheduled for April .
 - Greg Dicum, a resident on Manor Hill, moved here two years ago. He is learning more about our community.
 - Frank Egger invited FOSC members on a future tour of the Frank Egger Redwood Preserve and the Gloria Duncan Creekside Preserve Open Space (on Olema Road)
- 4. Update Report: FOSC Wonderfully Wild Marin Fundraisers** (discussion and possible action). Susan Pascal Beran announced a possible pop-up exhibit in May of environmental photographs used for such items as greeting cards. This would be a venue for artists to share their creations.
- 5. Update on Proposal for Photo Survey of Existent Open Space Lands** and Environmentally Sensitive or Priority Acquisition Lands (discussion and possible action). Former FOSC member Martha Ture and George Osner have already provided stunning photos for this project.
- 6. Update on Bio-Blitz** (discussion and possible action) Susan Pascal Beran and Heather Duplaisir selected a Bio-Blitz for Sunday, April 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in coordination with Fairfax Parks and Recreation. This would be in celebration of Earth Day that week. (This event was subsequently postponed due to rain.) In advance of that date FOSC members would conduct a trial / training project at the edge of the Wall property / Marinda Heights. (That project was subsequently held on Sunday afternoon, April 11 – as selected by a poll). Heather will email information to the FOSC members about how to access iNaturalist and sign-in with an account. Chance Cutrano mentioned that there are California species of special concern. For example, the dusky-footed wood rat is not listed and may be rare in Marin, but there is no inventory. The website is <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2883>.
- 7. Treasurer's Report and Selection of New FOSC Treasurer** (discussion and possible action). This action to select a new treasurer was postponed until the next meeting. Meanwhile, Town Finance Director Michael Vivrette provided an income and expense report for fiscal year 2020-21 to date (July 2020 to January 25, 2021). The Wonderfully Wild Marin calendar sales in December 2020 and January 2021 were \$4,157.25 and PayPal donations from Aug. 2020 thru Jan. 25, 2021 were \$2,314.37 for a total of \$6,471.62. The calendar production expenses with Golden Ideas and other vendors was \$2,425.72. The project net for FOSC profits was \$4,045.90.
- 8. Cascade Canyon Bridges Update** (discussion only, no action). The comment period ended on March 19. Chris Borjian said there have multiple forums on this topic. Chance Cutrano said the County first contacted the Town about this project around five years ago. FOSC Member Jonathan Sicroff, as a private citizen, recently sent in his own comments. There were still some concerns by Town officials and residents about this project. Town Council Member Stephanie Hellman wrote in an email prior to this FOSC meeting that quite a bit of emails on this topic were sent to Fairfax Council and Marin County officials. There have been concerns expressed about how to protect the Cascade Canyon Preserve and Sanctuary.

- 9. Update on Acquisitions Subcommittee Recommendations:** (a) Wall property / Marinda Heights; The Acquisitions Subcommittee reported that Marshal Rothman, owner of the Wall property / Marinda Heights, has yet to pay for the Environmental Impact Report required by the Town. (b) Two parcels behind Victory Village; (c) Two auction lots above Upper Ridgeway (previously approved by Town Council for acquisition before 2004 and the formation of FOSC. Title 8 property means the Town can have title if the taxes are not paid by closing date.) (d) 200 Toyon / Ben Ross property.
- 10. Assignments and Reports from FOSC Committees / Subcommittees** (discussion and possible action). No other reports.
- 11. FOSC Outreach, Merchandise and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible action). . Susan mentioned that the Artists-in-Residence storage unit at the Fairfax Pavilion can also be used to store FOSC items, but the items have to be secured in plastic tubs to avoid rat infestation. In another matter Nick Nutu wants to do another nature walk with FOSC.
- 12. FOSC Framework for SMART Annual Goals for FY 2021-22:** Jonathan Sicroff and Jack Judkins (discussion and possible action). The framework and goals were unanimously adopted to go forward with this plan. The SMART goals – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely. The goal categories include a) Governance; b) Community Outreach and Fundraising; c) Acquisition; d) Stewardship.
- 13. 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). No notable reports this month from partner agencies.
- 14. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes** from previous meetings (discussion and possible action): The minutes for the January 26, 2021 meeting were approved.
- 15. Next Regular FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021:** Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action). It appears that there will be a quorum for the next regular meeting.
- 16. FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions allowed). Michael Ardito reminded the FOSC members that the annual submission of Form 700 is due to Town Hall by April 1.
- 17. Adjournment** was at 9:15 p.m.