



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS
Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. for Regular Meeting
Special Orientation Meeting for New Members at 6:30 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, Treasurer	Jonathan Sicroff
Brad Handel	Sophie Taubman, Youth Member (ex officio)

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SPECIAL MEETING began at 6:30 p.m.

Orientation Session / Discussion with new 2021 members: Heather Duplaisir and Diego Gonzalez received an overview of the California Brown Act, the FOSC Subcommittees and other topics.

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 (Started at 7 p.m.)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Susan Pascal Beran, Chair

Members present: Michael Ardito, Heather Duplaisir, Diego Gonzalez, Ruth Horn, Susan Pascal Beran, Jonathan Sicroff (quorum reached)

Members absent: Chris Borjian, Brad Handel, Jack Judkins, Sophie Taubman

Guests: Chance Cutrano (Town Council liaison), Frank Egger (former Fairfax Mayor), Pamela Meigs (former FOSC member), Ben Berto (Town Planning Director), Ande Flower, Shoshana Wangerin, Robert & Karen Jansen, Heather Steele, Peter Pellolio

- 2. Approval of Agenda and affidavit of posting.** The agenda was approved for tonight. It was posted on the Town's website and physically 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. Future Town Officials Tour of Frank Egger Redwood Preserve and Gloria Duncan Creekside Preserve** Open Space (on Olema Road): Michael Ardito (discussion and possible action) said this item was postponed until summer or fall.
- 5. Overview of FOSC and Housing, Land Use, and Safety Elements Update** (discussion and possible action) Ben Berto, Town Planning Director; Ande Flower, Richard James, and Shoshana Wangerin. The EMC Planning Group provided a power point presentation about the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Fairfax is being pressured by the State and Association of Bay Area Governments to plan and provide for an additional 490 housing units this decade. The 490 number target includes 149 very low income units, 86 low income, 7 moderate income units, and 184 above moderate income. There are incentives and penalties for the Town to adhere to those housing targets. The analysis process is happening this spring 2021. The safety element is being focused upon this summer 2021. The FOSC members' role is to review and provide comments on such topics as fire safety and biological resources. Among public comments received included some from a former Fairfax Planning Commissioner who said there were not enough vacant parcels to build the number of living units required by the State of California. A former long-time Town Council member gave the same sentiment: "The Town is built out." Someone mentioned that the priority would be to find space for housing along the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard corridor and not looking at the hillsides.
- 6. Vacant Parcel Offered for Donation to Town on lower Cypress Drive** (discussion and possible action). Linda Neal of the Fairfax Planning Department provided information to FOSC regarding a vacant parcel beyond 126 lower Cypress Drive that is being offered as an open space donation to the Town from the Pellolio Family Trust. Mr. Peter Pellolio was on the phone long-distance to answer questions. He indicated the family wants to close this item in the trust. The property is adjacent to an existing town-owned parcel of open space. Mr. Pellolio reported that there are no unpaid taxes on

this property as the family attorney has taken care of this matter. The next step is for the FOSC Acquisitions Subcommittee to use the FOSC criteria score sheet and provide the assessment to the Town Planning Department with a recommendation for the Town Council. There were questions and no answers about possible incentives for the Town to provide or sell town-owned vacant parcels for housing.

7. **Concrete Pipe Road** (discussion and possible action). This item was postponed until the June FOSC meeting when Jack Judkins returns.
8. **Update on Bio-Blitz events** (discussion and possible action) Susan Pascal Beran and Heather Duplaisir talked about some possible future events.
9. **Treasurer's Report:** Diego Gonzalez provided his first report.
10. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise, Photo Survey Project, and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible action). Hike leader Nick Nutu is interested in conducting more hikes with FOSC. It will be a split donation-based activity promoted thru the Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department. Susan Pascal Beran has been in contact with the San Anselmo Open Space Committee regarding the 2022 calendar / planner sales for later this year.
11. **Measure A Subcommittee Meeting Status:** Jack Judkins, Brad Handel (discussion and possible action). Neither the primary or secondary Measure A representative was available for this FOSC meeting, but Michael Ardito will notify the Town Clerk that the FOSC contacts for this activity will be in this order: Jack Judkins, Brad Handel and Susan Pascal Beran. It was reported that one of the recent major projects in Fairfax for these funds was completed with the Peri Park renovation.
12. **Assignments and Reports from FOSC Committees / Subcommittees** (discussion and possible action): Acquisitions; Governance; Stewardship; Community Outreach & Fundraising. Each of the Subcommittees provided their draft work plans for comment. All were approved, but they are "living" documents to be amended as needed. Each Subcommittee will be expected to provide a blurb each month to the full FOSC committee.
13. **FOSC Framework for SMART Annual Goals for FY 2021-22:** Jonathan Sicroff and Jack Judkins (discussion and possible action). Please see agenda item #12.
14. **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 Ardito periodically forwards communications electronically from Together Bay Area. At the May 13, 2021 meeting of the Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee there was an update presentation by former FOSC member Linda Novy regarding the Cascade Canyon bridges for the Elliott Nature Preserve. She will be scheduled to provide a presentation to FOSC at the next meeting on June 22.
15. **Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes** from previous meetings (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito. There will need to be revisions to the March and April meeting minutes. This item will be postponed until the next meeting.
16. **Next Regular FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021:** Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito
17. **FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions). None.
18. **Appointment of New Youth Member** (discussion and probable action). This item was postponed until the June meeting. A new candidate search will be conducted. The original youth member candidate withdrew because she learned from her parents that the family was moving out of Fairfax this summer.
19. **Adjournment** was at 9:12 p.m.