



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE SPECIAL and REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7 p.m.
By Teleconference and Videoconference Only

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Brad Handel
Geoffrey Bolt	Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Chris Borjian	Jack Judkins, Vice Chair
Heather Duplaisir	Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Diego Gonzalea, Treasurer	Dylann Cullinane, 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.* (This was read by Michael Ardito at the beginning of the regular meeting at 7 p.m.)

SPECIAL MEETING (Started at 6:30 p.m.)

1. **Orientation – Question and Answer Session for New FOSC Member Geoffrey Bolt.** He introduced himself and mentioned that he has been a resident of Fairfax since 1994. Some background information about the history of the Fairfax Open Space Committee, established in 2004, was shared by FOSC members.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (Started at 7 p.m.)

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Susan Pascal Beran, Chair called the meeting to order.
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Geoffrey Bolt, Diego Gonzalez, Brad Handel, Ruth Horn, Susan Pascal Beran, and Dylann Cullinane (quorum achieved)
Members Absent: Chris Borjian, Heather Duplaisir, Jack Judkins
Guests included: Councilman Chance Cutrano (liaison from the Fairfax Town Council); former FOSC members Linda Novy and Pam Miegs; Town Planning Commission Member Cindy Swift; Linda Bolt, Josh Weink; Minna
2. **Approval of Agenda and affidavit of posting.**
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. **Wall property brief update** (discussion and possible action). It was mentioned that the property (approximately 100 acres) is still for sale at approximately \$3.9 million.
5. **Town-owned open space property still mistakenly zoned as residential zoning:** Chance Cutrano, FOSC liaison from Town Council (discussion and possible action). Mayor Stephanie Hellman and others are aware of this issue and will inform the new Town Manager.
6. **Measure A renewal update** (discussion and possible action). The Marin County Parks and Open Space Committee met on January 20, 2022 regarding this tax renewal issue for the June 7 ballot. The deadline for final wording of the measure is March 11. There were numerous speakers including FOSC member Jack Judkins, who followed up on his recommendation letter not to cut Measure A funding for town open space acquisition and maintenance.
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Diego Gonzalez (discussion and possible action). He is writing thank you letters with the Town’s tax deduction ID number for 2021 donors to FOSC not receiving goods such as the Wonderfully Wild Marin 2022 calendars.
8. **Fairfax Library Garden / Patio Project and FOSC Donation:** Michael Ardito (discussion and possible action). Cindy Swift with Friends of the Fairfax Library was in Zoom attendance to answer questions. The fundraising period will end this April. The fundraising flyers with information were emailed to FOSC members in advance of this meeting. Michael Ardito suggested that a \$500 paver (larger size) should be donated so more than two lines to honor FOSC could be engraved such as “Town of Fairfax, Open Space, Committee, Since 2004”. FOSC voted to approve a \$250 donation with a matching challenge (suggested by Chance Cutrano) to the community for raising the other \$250 and awareness of this project. Susan Pascal Beran offered to send out a FOSC Constant Contact notice for this fundraising effort with hopes this could be included also in a future Town newsletter. Susan moved for approval with Ruth Horn seconding the motion.
9. **FOSC / SAOSC Wonderfully Wild Marin Fundraiser** (discussion and possible action): Susan Pascal Beran reported that FOSC did even better than last year for this fundraising endeavor. For the 2021 Wonderfully Wild Marin (WWM) fundraiser we received about \$5000, and for the 2022 WWM fundraiser we received about \$6000. The recent holiday fair at the Fairfax Pavilion received about \$1,500. There will be an art show with calendar post cards for an upcoming Earth Day celebration.
10. **Update on FOSC Social Media Accounts** (discussion and possible action): Brad Handel provided no updates at this time.

- 11. FOSC Outreach, Merchandise, Storage of Materials, Photo Survey Project, and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible action). It was reported that former FOSC member Chris Powers designed the most recent logo for FOSC. Susan Pascal Beran reported that the FOSC materials (such as banners, T-shirts and water bottles) stored in the upstairs unit at the Fairfax Pavilion need to be removed by March 1 as the building will be raised up for renovation. Michael Ardito offered to consolidate the water bottles with the boxes of bottles he has at his home since the departure of Chris Powers several years ago. Nature walks will need to be coordinated with Nick Nutu based upon his availability.
- 12. Update on Bio-Blitz events** (discussion and possible action). Announcements of future bio-blitz events will be postponed until Heather Duplaisir is able to report to FOSC.
- 13. Assignments and Reports from FOSC Committees / Subcommittees** (discussion and possible action): Acquisitions; Governance; Stewardship; Community Outreach & Fundraising Geoffrey Bolt requested additional information about the Subcommittees. Susan Pascal Beran announced her resignation from the Governance Subcommittee.
- 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 reported that the Marin Conservation League's Parks and Open Space Committee met on January 13. The meeting was actually a workshop on serpentine prairies in Marin with several special expert guest speakers on the topic. It was reported there are several threats to the serpentine prairies such as invasion by non-native species, climate change and overuse by visitors. Ring Mountain is the epitome of a legacy zone for the Tiburon mariposa lily that otherwise could be permanently lost from Marin and the world. Drought has been problematic for annual species. It was reported that bad years hurt more than good years help.
- 15. Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes** from previous meetings (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito moved that minutes from the October 26, 2021 FOSC meeting be approved with the revisions and additional information provided by Jack Judkins. The revised minutes were approved for posting. Approval of FOSC minutes for the November 30, 2021 meeting will be postponed to the February 2022 meeting.
- 16. Next Regular FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022:** Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action): It appears we will have a quorum for the February meeting.
- 17. FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions). None.
- 18. Adjournment** was at 8:08 p.m.