



MINUTES
FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7 p.m. in-person only
Fairfax Women's Club
46 Park Road, Fairfax, CA 94930

Fairfax Open Space Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary	Jack Judkins, Vice Chair
Geoff Bolt	Christine Kelly, Co-Treasurer
Heather Duplaisir	Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Joe Franaszek	Josh Weinik, Co-Treasurer
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary	Teddy Catrini, Youth Member (ex officio)
	Corina Karr, Youth Member (ex officio)

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 AGENDA (Starts at 7 p.m.)

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Susan Pascal Beran
Members Present: Michael Ardito, Geoff Bolt, Joe Franaszek, Ruth Horn, Jack Judkins, Susan Pascal Beran, Josh Weinik, Teddy Catrini (ex-officio youth member); Quorum reached
Members Absent: Heather Duplaisir, Christine Kelly, Corina Karr (ex-officio youth member)
Guests: Pamela Miegs (former FOSC member); Michelle Simonson, Mary Albert, Kristi Dommen
- 2. Approval of Agenda and appointment of timekeeper for this meeting.** The agenda was approved and Teddy Catrini was selected as the timekeeper.
- 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.)*
Mary Alber and Kristi Dommen appeared to raise questions and issues regarding the 615 Oak Manor Drive development. There were questions about whether an agreement with restrictions from decades ago was still in effect. Apparently, there was a 1991 settlement with the then-owner that limited development of that parcel to two units with the balance committed to open space. Per request, this issue was added to be a discussion item for the next FOSC meeting in July.
- 4. Wall Property (update) --** (discussion and possible action). Timberstone financing has reportedly given up trying to avoid the Trustee sale through bankruptcy, so now that can go forward with the auction sale. The next date set for sale is on July 7 at 9:30 a.m. on the steps of San Rafael City Hall, although it may be postponed. The Note for the property is \$1.7 million. The lender reportedly thinks there is a lot of interest. Apparently, Sequoia Finance made a loan in 2018 for the actual housing development. It was reported that property owner Marshal Rothman is suing Sequoia in Marin Municipal Court.
- 5. Status of Town Acceptance of Open Space Land Donation from Cresci Family parcel near Canyon Road and Adjacent to Egger Grove for Potential Access** (discussion and possible action). Jack Judkins reported that he talked with a Cresci Family representative who lives in Richmond, Calif. and they are not in the financial position to pay the back taxes. He urged that the matter be placed before the Town Council promptly, having been postponed for months.

6. **Treasurers' Report** (updates, discussion and possible action), Susan Pascal Beran reported that FOSC earned \$560.00 in sales and donations from the Fairfax Festival earlier this month. We still need to find out how much was earned from sales via QR code into the PayPal account.
7. **Reports from FOSC Outreach at Fairfax Festival / Ecofest** – All (discussion and possible action). This was probably the most successful outreach activity for FOSC since the pandemic. There was a lot of foot traffic, discussions with visitors, and T-shirt sales.
8. **FOSC Outreach, Merchandise, Storage of Materials, Photo Survey Project, and Nature Walks** (discussion and possible actions). Heather would like to talk with Mayor Chance Cutrano about FOSC finding another location for storage of our merchandise and materials. Teddy volunteered to help with the inventory of the T-shirts and the few remaining FOSC water bottles.
9. **Housing Element Update** (discussion and possible action). Jack wants the Acquisitions Subcommittee to engage with the Town's Housing Element. Also, work force housing needs to be addressed.
10. **Reports from FOSC Subcommittees** (discussion, possible actions, and reassignments): Acquisitions; Governance; Stewardship; Community Outreach & Fundraising; Measure A. Jack reported that the Governance Subcommittee has not met recently, but they will be developing a basic orientation package with a manual for new FOSC members. Susan Pascal Beran has requested to resign from duties with the subcommittees for Acquisitions; Community Outreach & Fundraising, and Measure A. That will make Joe Franaszek as the primary FOSC rep for Measure A.
11. **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; Friends of Corte Madera Creek: FOSC representatives (updates and discussions)
12. **Approval of FOSC Meeting Minutes from early 2023** (discussion and possible approval action): Michael Ardito. The minutes were approved for January 24, 2023; February 14, 2023 special meeting; February 28, 2023 regular meeting; and April 25, 2023 with revisions provided by Jack Judkins. The approval of minutes for the March 28 and May 23, 2023 are being postponed for approval at a future meeting.
13. **Next FOSC Meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023:** Quorum Check, Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action): Michael Ardito
14. **FOSC Member Reports on Non-Agenda Items** (no discussions or actions). Susan Pascal Beran announced that in her role as Fairfax Artist-in-Residence she will be holding a reception for her sculpture that is on display in the Parkade this Friday, June 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. Susan mentioned she would be donating 10 percent of the sale price, if sold. Also, the annual Fairfax Art Walk will be back post-COVID restrictions on Friday, September 29 from 5 to 9:30 p.m.
15. **Adjournment** was at 8:39 p.m.

*This meeting notice was posted in accordance with Government Code section 54954.2(a)(1) on or before
June 23, 2023.*