

Friends of Sausal Creek

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 7-9 p.m.

Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church

4101 Park Blvd., 3rd Floor, Oakland

Present: Mark Rauzon, Helen McKinley, Richelle Jacobs, Richard Kauffman, Steve Ritchie, Carl Kohnert, Dee Rosario, Paul Frank, Bob Roat, Rob Leidy, Harry Schrauth, Barbara Goldenberg, Sean Welch, Eleanor Dunn, and Kimra McAfee (Executive Director)

Guests: Michelle Krieg (Nursery & Restoration Manager), Melissa Reyes

7:05 Come to Order

The minutes of the February 12, 2014, Board Meeting were approved.

Special Reports

- Paul Frank gave a presentation on the March 2010 *Sausal Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan (the Plan)*. He provided an overview of what the Plan included and did not include, what its strengths and weaknesses were, and his recommendations for how we can use it to address FOSC's current priorities. During the ensuing discussions, the question of what we want as an outcome was posed. For erosion control work in the creek, which was the Plan's main focus, protection of fish habitat and limiting rapid sediment loading during storms were deemed important. Paul's suggestion for re-prioritizing the Plan's assessments, developing and maintaining a list of proposed projects, and developing detailed plans for proposed projects (including scope, scale, and anticipated cost) met with a general consensus.

- Rob Leidy gave an update on the rainbow trout and drought conditions in the creek. Currently, it appears that recent rains should maintain the trout aquatic habitat through the summer. Rob will continue to monitor the pools. Should it become necessary to relocate trout trapped in pools that are diminishing due to drought, the process to get permits and the necessary state participation is very cumbersome.

Committee Reports

Fundraising/Endowment

- Mid-Year Appeal: The appeal letter is to be drafted and circulated for edits through email. It will be finalized for mailing in June.
- Barbara is the new fundraising committee chair.
- Kimra reported that we have received \$234 in proceeds from Visa receipts from *Brotzeit Lokal*, a local restaurant that has selected FOOSC as their organization of choice to benefit from their business relationship with Ethix Merchant Services. They use Ethix to process their credit card transactions and Ethix donates 25% of the client's total account fees to FOOSC. She encouraged board members to find other merchants who will do the same.

Nursery

Michelle reported on the greenhouse irrigation upgrades and the exploration of possibly creating an educational wetland project behind the greenhouse. City approval would be required.

All the repotting and nematode treatment has been completed. Michelle is optimistic that she can stay on top of future infestations by keeping nematodes in the soil.

She also reported on the greenhouse irrigation upgrades being completed with Jeff Chilcott's help, and our potential educational wetland project. More than 2,000 plants are being grown for the City of Oakland's Sausal Creek Dimond Park Restoration Project, and approximately 4,000 plants and trees will be grown for the Prop. 84 Urban Streams Restoration Program project.

Restoration

- Big Trees Trail pallid manzanita monitoring is slated for summer when we will have intern support.
- Hydrology: Hydro hikes are being planned in anticipation of ongoing monitoring of the high priority erosion sites.
- Monterey redwoods erosion site: a plan and budget have been created, with the intention that this work will be completed in the fall with EarthTeam students.
- Plant Restoration Committee: Barry Place, Joaquin Miller Court Trailhead, and Bridgeview Trail now have restoration plans underway, with

hopes for completion in a few weeks.

- The Earth Day tasks sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Jaclyn's last day will likely be Earth Day.

Executive Director's Report

- Kimra reviewed the Project Timeline and Cash Flow Chart.
- Grant developments: a \$3,000 award has been approved for plantings in Dimond Canyon, Fern Ravine, Barry Place, and Joaquin Miller Court from **Alameda County Fish & Game Commission**; applications for general operating support have been submitted to **Rose Foundation** and **Thomas J. Long Foundation**. Responses should come in the next three months.

- **Prop. 84 Urban Streams Restoration Program:** An engineering consultant has been selected to undertake the design phase, and the geotechnical surveying is slated for May. Kimra noted that FOSC will set aside funds to cover a potential audit at the close of the grant project.

Education and Outreach Committee

- Kimra would like a team of board members to focus on the outreach plan for the long-term public education program, which was discussed at our retreat and February board meeting. A vision for a long term communications program is needed. Rob agreed to work on a piece for our website; Dee volunteered his participation and Eleanor said she could provide some assistance

Kids Web Site

- Kimra reported on some issues that arose with the Kids Web Site when our new website went live via Wix. Richard, Michelle, and Kimra will meet in May to discuss the future of the Kids Website.

And More

- May-June Newsletter: The deadline was extended to April 28th because of Earth Day.

- Tee-Shirt Design Contest: There will be an electronic vote in mid-May, once the entries for the youth membership tee-shirts have been distributed. Kimra asked that we vote

promptly promptly so we can get the Tee-shirts printed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.