

## **Friends of Sausal Creek Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Oakland

*Our mission is to promote awareness and appreciation of the Sausal Creek Watershed and to inspire action that will help preserve and protect the creek and its watershed as both natural and community resources.*

**Board Members Present:** Mark Rauzon, Paul Frank, Harry Schrauth, Barbara Goldenberg, Helen McKinley, Dee Rosario, Steve Ritchie, Richelle Jacobs, Eleanor Dunn.

**Absent:** Rob Leidy, Sean Welch, Richard Kauffman, Bob Roat, Carl Kohnert.

**Staff Present:** Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

### **Board Involvement:**

**Earth Day Workday** – Sat., April 18, 9:00 a.m.- noon. A worksheet was passed around.

### **May Presentation:**

**Debbie Viess: *Mushrooms in the Garden*** –  
Weds., May 20, 7:00 p.m.

### **Master Calendar Changes:**

**July Meet & Greet** – Weekend date TBD, Wood Park

**Native Plant Sale** – Sun., Oct. 25, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**End-of-Year Appeal Letter Signing** – Weds., Nov. 4,  
6:00 p.m., location TBD

### **Remarks from the Chair:**

Despite the drought, the creek is flowing fairly decently.

### **Board Member Briefing:**

Kimra encouraged the Board to spread the word about the *East Bay Gives*' May 5<sup>th</sup> fundraising event -- especially encouraging donations between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00, when there will be an opportunity to win an additional cash prize. The Board's efforts to stimulate interest in this fundraiser will be in lieu of FOSC's usual Mid-Year Appeal. Contributions can be made through [eastbaygives.org](http://eastbaygives.org).

**FOSC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Dee reported that the ad hoc committee is investigating venues and activities for a Sept/Oct event in 2016.

**And:** Temporary venues for our member talks were considered for the duration of Dimond Library's remodel.  
There was a discussion about the monthly trail maintenance that Dee is spearheading. The city is purchasing some new tools for the crew's use and is building some new trail signs.  
Sick Leave Policy for staff was approved via email in February, as agreed to at the February board meeting.  
Minutes from February were approved with a minor change.

**Financial Report:**

The Project Timeline and Cash Flow Chart was examined.  
The Draft Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/15 was discussed.

**Executive Director Responds to Questions on Staff Report:**

Changes to the trails map have been passed to the cartographer. The updated map will be downloadable from the FOOSC website when complete.

**For the Future Fund Campaign:**

Kimra expressed the importance of procuring a 100% board member commitment for this campaign. Commitment forms pledging each board member's financial support over the next five years were handed out (deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.)

**Round Robin or Reflections:** Kimra encouraged each board member to share thoughts or announcements.

Mark reported that the peregrine falcons formerly living beneath the Fruitvale Bridge have moved to an unused crane in Jack London Square. He is concerned about the eggs getting too much direct sun in their new venue.

Eleanor reported that the starflowers have bloomed in Redwood Park.

9:02 **Adjournment.**