

*Friends of Sausal Creek
Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2016, 7-9 p.m.
Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church
4101 Park Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602*

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 Helen McKinley, Richelle Jacobs, Steve Ritchie, Rob Leidy, Mark Rauzon, Barbara Goldenberg, Bob Roat, Richard Kauffman, Eleanor Dunn

Board Members Absent Dee Rosario, Paul Frank, Harry Schrauth, Carl Kohnert, Sean Welch

Staff Present Michelle Krieg, Restoration and Nursery Manager

Staff Absent Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

Guests Stan Dodson, James DiPalma (nursery volunteer)

Board Involvement and Announcements

Earth Day Workday – Sat., April 23, morning

Dimond Park Garden Tours – Sun., May 1, all day

East Bay Gives – Tues., May 3, 12:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m.

Member Meeting – Jerry Kent *How the East Bay Got Its Trees* – Wed., May 18, 7:00 p.m.

Student Walk, Workday, & Picnic – Sat., May 21, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Wood Park

Board Member Briefing Richard Kauffman on *East Bay Gives*:

Richard briefed the board about last year's participation in the *East Bay Gives* campaign and explained what will be needed from the board this year. The fundraising committee has set a goal of \$20,000 for this year's campaign. To sign up for specific tasks for the May 3rd fundraiser, a Google Doc has been prepared and will be circulated to the board via email. Postcards will be sent to all donors.

Continued Retreat Discussion -- Mission and Vision Statements and Tag Line

With an eye towards modifying the current FOSC Mission and Vision statements, Steve led a conversation about how much weight to give the "wordsmithing". He enlisted Helen and Richard to produce a version (or versions) for

full board consideration after an April 21st deadline for board members to provide online comments and edits in Track Changes.

Minutes and Commitments Review

The minutes from the February 10th meeting were approved unanimously. The commitment about the sign from that meeting has been fulfilled.

Financial Report

The Project Timeline and Cash Flow Chart were reviewed, as well as the Draft Budget for FYE17.

Restoration and Nursery Manager Responds to Questions on Staff Report

Michelle expressed concern that too few people have signed up to help with the May 21st Student Workday/Walk and Picnic. She especially needs contributions of food for that event. It was decided that she will write out her specific needs and send them to the board in an email. Several people said they will contribute once they see that list.

Stan Dodson's Request and Report

Stan came to ask FOSC to support his application to PRAC to install an additional six or eight steps on the Palos Colorados Trail, and then ten or twelve on the Fern Ravine trail, with hiker safety in mind. He had previously installed some steps at the bottom of the Palos Colorados Trail, and showed the board photos of those steps. He also expressed his concern about the impact of many bikers riding on non-bike trails; additionally, he said he would be recruiting volunteers for a park patrol this summer. He is also hoping for the city's consent to put a bridge upstream over the hill on the Palos Colorados Trail where the creek has a deeper channel, and where it has split.

Round Robin or Reflections – a word or sentence from each person:

8:10 **Adjournment**