

**Friends of Sausal Creek  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 7-9 p.m.  
Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Blvd., Room 35 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Oakland**

Friends of Sausal Creek works to restore, maintain, and protect the Sausal Creek Watershed. We educate future generations, involve the community in local environmental stewardship, and collaborate with agencies and other nonprofits to have a positive impact on the local ecosystem.

**Present** Mark Rauzon, Richelle Jacobs, Richard Kauffman, Harry Schrauth, Carl Kohnert, Barbara Goldenberg, Helen McKinley, Sean Welch, Eleanor Dunn

**Absent** Paul Frank, Steve Ritchie, Rob Leidy, Bob Roat

**Staff Present** Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

**Board Involvement**

Earth Day Workday – Sat., April 22, morning  
Circulate: Earth Day Sign-Up Sheet  
Nursery Workdays – Sat., April 8, May 13 & 27, 1:30-4:30 p.m.,  
Sat., April 22, 9 a.m.-noon  
Circulate: Nursery Workday Sign-Up Sheet  
East Bay Gives – Thurs., May 4, 12:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m.  
Groundwork Trust Site Visit – Thurs-Fri., May 11-12

**Opening Remarks from Vice President and Board Recruitment Discussion**

Richard Kauffman and Ricky (Richelle) Jacobs

Richelle will invite prospective board members for coffee as their initial interview. Current board members can participate in any of these meetings if they so desire.

A discussion ensued about the student board member job description, and included the possibility of inviting a potential candidate to the next board meeting. Mark wondered why the student board member position is non-voting. Kimra explained that the bylaws limit us to 15 voting board members. The proposed non-voting student board member would allow us to get student input without changing the bylaws -- such changes not to be taken lightly. Richard suggested after serving on the board awhile, a student member might then graduate to full voting board member status.

**Board Member Briefing** *East Bay Gives* by Richard Kauffman

Richard spoke in extensive detail about how to participate in the *East Bay Gives* May 4 event. He felt reasonably assured that there would be no repeat of

last year's cyber glitches, as they had adopted a new online platform. Since fewer organizations will be participating this year, there will be a larger pot of money to draw from. He went over strategies to maximize the possibility of our winning potential prizes and urged 100% participation. Kimra will send a Google sign-up sheet to help solidify the board's commitments.

A gathering at Richelle's house to label and stamp the postcard announcements will take place on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:00.

**Minutes and Commitments Review** Minutes from the February 8 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Endowment Committee Report** A spring meeting is planned. Carl reported on the status of the *For the Future Fund*. FOSC has met its goal!

**Financial Report** Kimra went over the Project Timeline and Cash Flow Chart with the board, gave an operating reserve update, and introduced the draft budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2018.

She reported that the search is on for a nursery manager.

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

The board's consensus was that Kimra write a letter of support on behalf of FOSC for the next phase of the Oakland Environmental Services' CalFire grant application to complete a tree inventory, urban forest master plan, and tree planting project.

**Board Member Briefing: Groundwork Trust Site Visit by Carl Kohnert**

The board participated in a lengthy discussion about whether FOSC should continue to pursue this opportunity. If so, the Groundwork Trust would likely come to Oakland on May 11 and 12 further to investigate FOSC's application. Sean moved to authorize Kimra and Carl to meet with the Groundwork Trust and representatives from the National Park Service, with respect to a meeting to be held in Oakland to discuss the viability of a possible Groundwork site in the lower watershed. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.