

Friends of Sausal Creek Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church

4101 Park Blvd., 2nd Level Café Area, Oakland

Present: Helen McKinley, Steve Ritchie, Rob Leidy, Dee Rosario, Carl Kohnert, Richelle Jacobs, Richard Kauffman, Harry Schrauth, Bob Roat, Paul Frank, Eleanor Dunn, Kimra McAfee, Executive Director.

Absent: Barbara Goldenberg, Mark Rauzon, Sean Welsh

Guests: Bobbi Feyerabend, Karen Paulsell

Our mission: to promote awareness and appreciation of the Sausal Creek Watershed, and both to take and inspire action to restore, preserve, and protect the creek and its watershed as a natural and community resource.

Upcoming Events Which Involve the Board

Presentation by Liam O'Brien -- *Butterfly 101*

Weds., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m.

Creek to Bay Day – Sat., Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m.- noon;

Native Plant Sale and Open House – Sun., Oct. 19,
10 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Remarks from the Chair

Helen reported the current cash flow is good, and that we have an excellent and experienced staff. She asked that each board member take ownership of a project or two.

Board Member Briefing

Paul reported that he and Barbara gave a presentation on the history of FOOSC, our projects and our funding sources, to the *Walnut Creek Watershed Council*. Kimra urged more

board members to do outreach and networking to various groups. (Steve advised always bringing maps when doing such outreach.)

Upcoming Urban Streams Restoration Program Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)

Kimra reported on the process for getting city co-sponsorship to apply for the next round of funding. An animated conversation about culvert sites and storm drains ensued. Bob suggested we also apply for a grant to document where the problems are. Kimra put a vote to the board as to whether we should authorize an email vote on the resolution to submit a grant. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Minutes and Commitments Review

Minutes from the June 11 board meeting were approved with a minor edit.

Action item: Dee informed us that the *East Bay Puma Project* has offered some cameras for parts of the watershed where there are none -- Sausal Creek or Joaquin Miller Park. The board unanimously said yes.

Financial Report

Since cash flow is good right now, it was suggested we set up an operating reserve for lean times. Kimra has a template for this policy, to be examined at the next board meeting. Additionally, whether to create explicit policy for the audit fund was discussed.

Special Guest

Bobbi Feyerabend of the Bonita Garden Club spoke about the closing down the club after 63 years, and distributing their remaining funds--\$9500 of which has been

given to FOSC. She asked that she be kept apprised of what we do with this gift.

Board Member Recruitment:

There are fourteen members currently on FOSC's board, with room for one more. We could use someone with expertise in any of the following realms: financial, human resources, development / fundraising, and education. The board was encouraged to think about who might be a good candidate.

Executive Director Responds to Questions on Staff Report

Kimra reported that we made our \$5000 goal on midyear appeal, seeing a slow but steady trend upwards. She wants to start honoring volunteers in every newsletter, and asked board members to send emails to her with information about worthy candidates.

New computers for Kimra and Michelle have been chosen, but Kimra has not yet placed the order.

Round Robin or Reflections

Kimra invited each board member briefly to share thoughts, feelings, anecdotes, etc.

Adjournment

The open meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.