

**Friends of Sausal Creek
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 7-9 p.m.
Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Blvd., 3rd Floor,
Oakland**

Present: Harry Schrauth, Bob Roat, Rob Leidy, Barbara Goldenberg, Mark Rauzon, Helen McKinley, Richelle Jacobs, Richard Kauffman, Steve Ritchie, Carl Kohnert, Kimra McAfee, Executive Director, and then Dee Rosario

Absent: Eleanor Dunn, Sean Welch, Paul Frank

7:03 Executive Session (Closed Session)

Approval of new Board Member, Dee Rosario.

7:13 Open Meeting Come to Order

Guests: Karen Paulsell, and Josh Sonnenfeld, *Save the Bay*

~ The following Board of Directors Officers were unanimously voted in for 2014: Helen McKinley, President; Steve Ritchie, Vice President; Rob Leidy, Treasurer; Richelle Jacobs, Secretary.

~ Approval of October 9 Board Minutes was passed with a small correction.

7:20 Special Reports

~ Josh Sonnenfeld of *Save the Bay* spoke about the San Francisco Restoration Authority's intention to restore 100,000 acres of wetlands. He sought the Board's endorsement.

~ Mark Rauzon gave a report on how birds have responded to the restoration project. He has observed approximately 137 species in the watershed to date.

~ Barbara Goldenberg reported on the Measure DD Coalition and announced the King Tides Walk with local historian Dennis Evanovsky on Jan 30, 2014. Details may be found at <http://www.californiakingtides.org>.

8:00 **Old Business**

~ The Board's consensus was that a Joaquin Miller Park circulation plan is needed so that the impact of Stan Dodson's proposed new Palos Colorados-Sunset Trails Connector can be assessed within the larger trail system.

8:16 **Committee Reports**

The Fundraising/Endowment Committee did not meet.

~ Kimra reported on end-of-year donations received so far.

Restoration: This committee will regroup early in the new year. The general proposal is to have three subcommittees: 1) hydrology, with at least one annual hydrology hike; 2) plant restoration projects; 3) pallid manzanitas. Overall, the goal is to create detailed plans for priority projects with the intention of seeking funding for them. The watershed plan will serve as basic blueprint. We will continue with quarterly trainings while broadening outreach to increase audience attendance.

Dee volunteered to be on the restoration committee.

8:30 **President's Report**

The Board and Staff retreat date will be Sunday, January 26th, 2014.

8:32 **Executive Director's Report**

Kimra reminded profligates to provide photos and a bio for the website.

Project Timeline and Cash Flow Chart:

Kimra reviewed changes, as follow:

Prop 84 Urban Streams Restoration Program: All documents required from FOSC and the City to enter into agreement with the California Dept. of Water Resources have been submitted and accepted. We and the City Administrator will sign the agreement as soon as it is received from the Program Officer. There will be a kick-off meeting with Kristin Hathaway and FOSC Board Representatives and Staff on December 17.

Strong Foundation: the final report has been submitted and accepted. Carl and Kimra will contact the funder to see if we should apply in the spring.

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP): There will be none.

Miscellaneous:

- ~ Kimra gave out the 2014 draft Master Calendar.
- ~ January-February Newsletter deadline is December 22.
- ~ The State of the Creek/Erosion Control Workshop will take place on January 15 at the Dimond Library, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- ~ Kudos to Rob for getting EBMUD to fix the leaking pipe at Fern Ravine. Kimra reminded us not to assume anyone is in charge of covering for such emergencies. For example, the alert about the excessive water flow which Rob went to investigate originated with a listserv post from a member.
- ~ Staff Vacations: Check Google calendar to keep abreast of these.
- ~ Tee shirts were distributed for hand delivery.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.