

**Friends of Sausal Creek
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 7-9 p.m.
Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Blvd., 3rd Floor, Oakland**

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

Present: Helen McKinley, Dee Rosario, Steve Ritchie, Richard Kauffman, Richelle Jacobs, Rob Leidy, Harry Schrauth, Carl Kohnert, Barbara Goldenberg, Eleanor Dunn, Bob Roat, Sean Welsh, Kimra McAfee, E.D.

Absent: Mark Rauzon, Paul Frank

Guest: Beth Wurzburg

Board Involvement

Volunteers to staff the Dimond District's *Peet's* Holiday Giving Campaign (Wed., Dec. 17 - Wed., Dec. 24) were sought.

The January *State of the Creek* Meeting (Wed., Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m.) Dimond Canyon Presentation, by Questa, was announced.

Board Member Briefing

Beth Wurzburg, *Friends of Knowland Park*, spoke on the issue of conservation easement of the park and about zoo expansion into native habitat.

Nursery Capacity and Plant Sale 2015

Kimra updated the board on nursery policies, plants, and quantities. Post-sale leftovers that are not local to the Sausal Creek Watershed are donated to various projects, such as school native plant gardens.

Board & Staff Retreat

A retreat was scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 1, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with a rain date of Feb. 8th. We will visit the lower watershed from Fruitvale Bridge to Wood Park.

Voting in the 2015 Board of Directors Officers

Officers were unanimously voted in:
Steve Ritchie, President,

Dee Rosario, Vice President,
Rob Leidy, Treasurer,
Richelle Jacobs, Secretary.

Other Board Business

Appreciation was expressed to Helen McKinley for two years of excellent service as president.

The minutes from the October 8, 2014 meeting were approved.

The issue of the outreach flyer to encourage dogs on leash was discussed and approved.

Resolution for Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant Application

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-2 was passed unanimously.

Kimra, Bob, Paul, and Richard are working on the Urban Streams Restoration Program application for the remediation work at Storm Drain #4.

Financial Report

Carl reported on our financial condition and the need to switch focus from endowment to fundraising. For 2015 he is thinking in terms of a capital campaign as well as developing legacy giving to FOSC. FOSC will soon mark its 20th anniversary.

The Project Timeline and Cash Flow Chart was reviewed.

Round Robin or Reflections –

Kimra requested that each board member share a word or sentence about their current thoughts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.