

**Friends of Sausal Creek
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 7-9 p.m.
Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church
4101 Park Blvd., 3rd Floor, Oakland**

Our mission is to restore, maintain, and protect the local ecosystem, educate future generations of environmental stewards, involve the community in local environmental stewardship, and collaborate with agencies and other nonprofits to have a positive impact on the environment.

Present: Carl Kohnert, Helen McKinley, Rob Leidy, Mark Rauzon, Richelle Jacobs, Steve Ritchie, Dee Rosario, Richard Kauffman, Barbara Goldenberg, Paul Frank, Eleanor Dunn

Absent: Sean Welch, Bob Roat, Harry Schrauth

Staff Present: Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

Board Involvement:

Sausal Creek Restoration Project in Dimond Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Dimond Park Picnic; FOSC 20th Anniversary Celebration – Sun., July 17, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Walkable Watershed Coalition Meeting -- September date TBD

Remarks from President, and Retreat Discussion Continued: Steve thanked the board for members' participation in *East Bay Gives*. He then passed around a sheet with proposed changes to FOSC's vision and mission statements, articulating what is FOSC. (See the final edited mission statement, based on the board's input, above.) The vision statement will also be edited as per the board's discussion, and then returned for board approval.

Board Member Briefing: Insurance Renewal: Kimra reported on her conversation with FOSC's insurance broker and laid out policy options for volunteer accident insurance. The board decided to delay making an immediate decision until it had the opportunity to hear Sean's recommendation. Once the board has heard from Sean, Barbara will conduct an email vote so that the board can comply with the June 26th insurance deadline.

Brainstorm for the July 17th Event in Dimond Park: Kimra invited suggestions as to what FOSC might offer at this event -- e.g. walks, talks, insect exploration. She strongly urged board members to participate in the event, and passed around a sign-up sheet for the day. Richard reported on his research of banners for FOSC, and the board had a conversation about which kind made the best sense. Kimra said she would check with Michelle Doppelt about whether we can have a pop-up shade structure sporting our banner. A decision was made to make a contribution to Circus Bella.

Minutes and Commitments Review: The minutes from the April 13th meeting

were approved unanimously.

Endowment Committee: Carl gave a *For the Future Fund* report. Paul, Harry, and Helen were unanimously elected as Endowment Committee members for the term of July 13, 2016 to July 12, 2018, replacing Barbara, Richard, and Sean, whose terms will expire on July 12, 2016. The Steering Committee recommended we separate the Endowment from the Fundraising Committee, and the board agreed. Carl will be the chair of the Endowment Committee, which will need a recording secretary. At the August board meeting we will consider a resolution to revise the *For the Future Fund* Management Policies and Procedures so that the Endowment Committee can meet twice a year rather than four times a year, with the stipulation that the chair will give a committee report at every board meeting.

Kimra proposed that all donations received between July 1 and October 31 go to the *For the Future Fund*. The board unanimously agreed.

Financial Report: The board looked over the Project Timeline and Cash Flow Charts provided by Kimra. Specific goals of moving the new education specialist position closer to full time, and getting needed equipment for the fall hire, were identified. The budget for FYE17 was unanimously approved.

A decision to discuss *East Bay Gives* was postponed until the August 10th meeting.

Executive Director Responds to Questions on Staff Report: Kimra invited suggestions from the board for volunteers particularly deserving of being a Friend of the Month honoree. She reported on purchasing a motion-activated light for the Woodminster entrance area to the nursery.

Dee volunteered to staff the phone and be the on-call email person while Kimra is away this summer. Richard volunteered to work on listserv posting guidelines, and Mark will be the board liaison for the July 17th event while she is on vacation.

Oakland Hills Vegetation Management: Richard brought up the issue of whether FOSC might be a signator on a letter to city council advocating that OFD and Public Works come up with a plan to fund vegetation management in the hills on public lands, until another funding source is found. The board agreed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.