

**FRIENDS OF SAUSAL CREEK**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 2013**  
Park Blvd Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602

Present: Sean Welch, Harry Schrauth, Rob Leidy, Helen McKinley, Mark Rauzon, Richelle Jacobs, Bob Roat, Eleanor Dunn, Barbara Goldenberg, Carl Kohnert, Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

Absent: Paul Frank, Steve Ritchie, Richard Kauffman

Guests: Stan Dodson, Friends of Joaquin Miller Park  
Jaclyn Lim, FOSC Intern  
Di Rosario, East Bay Regional Park District  
Pamela Boyle Rodriguez, City of Oakland Environmental  
Services Division  
Travis Baggett  
Michelle Krieg, Restoration and Nursery Manager  
Karen Paulsell  
Kathleen Harris

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 8-14-13** The minutes were approved with several minor corrections.

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**Stan Dodson**, advocating a Palos Colorados-Sunset Trail Connector, is seeking FOSC's endorsement of this project. His timeline is to begin is early next year. The Board delayed deciding this until the next meeting.

**Rob Leidy** reported on the Sausal Creek Rainbow Trout Population. The Skyline fire hydrant incident up in the hills sent sediment into the creek, stranding many rainbow trout in small pools. The very small population of rainbow trout in Sausal Creek is extremely vulnerable to extinction. He is advocating that FOSC take measures to reduce erosion and increase the area and diversity of trout habitat. Helen suggested the Board take a hike there to generate a series of objectives about what to do.

**Harry Schrauth** proposed a resolution to honor Martin Matarrese and Jim Ryugo. They will be present at the plant sale on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Printed plaques were shown to the Board. A motion in favor was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Jaclyn Lim** reported on attending the Sudden Oak Death Blitz 2013 results meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### *Fundraising/Endowment:*

There were no new volunteers for the endowment committee; the Board unanimously re-elected Carl and Helen for two-year terms ending in July, 2015. The committee is made up of Sean, Barbara, Richard, Carl, and Helen.

Carl reported on the interest earned to date on the *For the Future Fund* savings account and on his research into other investment accounts we might consider for a higher rate of return. He will bring one or more recommended options to the Board later this year or next for decision. Discussion about the following items ensued: 1) the use of pre-printed remit envelopes for events; 2) making a donation pitch at the cashiers' table at the plant sale; 3) making a gift of a FOSC tee-shirt with donations of \$50 or more; 4) Jeff Stephens has researched a number of grant possibilities for us to follow up with; 5) Di Rosario commented that Waste Management has grants for environmental projects; 6) the Board discussed what to emphasize in our end-of-year appeal letter.

The end-of-year appeal letter-signing will be at Richelle's house on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Her address: 1339 Wellington Street, Oakland.

### *Nursery:*

Michelle reported that the nursery committee will be meeting on November 1. She listed her needs for the plant sale and a sign-up sheet was passed around. She reported that an Eagle Scout project may fund fabric for placement on the shade-house floor.

### ***Restoration:***

At the Monterey Redwoods, there is a potential new site adopter. There is a need to talk about next steps to fix erosion issues at this site. As part of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership grant, next year restoration plans for Barry Place, Bridgeview Trail, and Palo Seco Creek will be created.

Pamela Boyle Rodriguez informed the Board that laws prohibiting illegal dumping are now being enforced and gave details about what to do if you are witness to it.

Two events, both focused on the interests of the below-580 folks, were discussed: an outdoor training in partnership with the City, and a meeting at the Dimond Library.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

It is time to consider the make up of the Board of Directors for 2014. Helen offered to extend her presidency into 2014; Carl needs to be replaced as Vice President. Officers will be voted in at the December meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

***Project Timeline and Cash Flow Chart:*** Kimra reported on the current fiscal status of FOSC and provided handouts of the Timeline and Cash Flow chart.

**JiJi Foundation 2013-2014** – Given the current workload, Michelle and Kimra will delay starting the new pallid manzanita colony at Outlook Point until fall/winter 2014.

**Prop. 84 Urban Streams Restoration Program Update** – The resolution approving the MOU between the City and FOSC for partnering on this project was approved by City Council on October 1. We are waiting for the signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the City. Kimra and the team are finalizing all of the documents required by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) so we can enter into the funding agreement with them. She hopes to have all paperwork in to the DWR by the end of October.

**Save the Redwoods League** – PRAC approved the installation of two Picture Posts at Fern Ravine, and Michelle is moving forward with coordinating the construction with a volunteer and installation. This is the final component of this grant.

***Pending Grants and Projects:***

**Bill Graham Memorial Foundation** – We applied for \$4,500 to support our 2014 high school summer intern program and our work with Oakland Parks & Recreation summer campers.

**Baykeeper Proposal** – Lesley Estes of the City Watershed Program made a proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency for a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that would include work at Beaconsfield Canyon and additional funding for the Proposition 84 Urban Stream Restoration Program storm drain erosion control project in Dimond Canyon.

**City of Oakland Low Impact Development (LID) Master Plan Grant** -- The City's Watershed Program is working with consultant Northgate on the development of guidelines for assessing sites for treatment opportunities. They are currently taking GIS data, creating a map and a data list of potential sites -- primarily city facilities (*e.g.*, libraries, sidewalks). Potential locations will be listed along with an assessment of feasibility and some prioritization based on the assessment criteria developed in the guidelines (*e.g.* location, cost, storm water retention, climate change benefit, etc). If FOSC has locations to add to the map, the City would like them submitted ASAP.

**Auto Insurance Recap:** Per the broker, our policy states "For any covered auto you don't own, the insurance provided by this coverage form is excess over any other collectible insurance". This means if we do happen to purchase the rental car's insurance, our NIAC policy will then kick in secondary to that policy. We do have Hired Auto Liability and Physical Damage Coverage, which covers any auto we lease/rent/borrow. Regardless of the excess provision above, this coverage form's liability coverage is primary for any liability and/or physical damage (subject to the \$500 deductible).

**Health Insurance Coverage:** moved to Closed Session.

**Creek to Bay Day Debriefing:** Mark reported that despite the rain, we accomplished everything by 11:00 a.m. He circulated a photo essay from the *Laney Tower* featuring him and his students at the Dimond Park workday.

**Winter Solstice Planting Sign-Up Sheet:** The next big workday in Dimond Park is Dec. 7.

**New Website Update:** The goal is to have the website done by the end of the year.

**November-December Newsletter:** Deadline is October 22. Kimra is taking ideas.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The open meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m., when the Board went into closed session.