

*Friends of Sausal Creek  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 14, 2015, 7-9 p.m.  
Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church  
4101 Park Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602*

*Our mission is to promote awareness and appreciation of the Sausal Creek Watershed and to inspire action that will help preserve and protect the creek and its watershed as both natural and community resources.*

**Board Members Present** Dee Rosario, Helen McKinley, Bob Roat, Sean Welch, Rob Leidy, Carl Kohnert, Barbara Goldenberg, Richelle Jacobs, Mark Rauzon, Richard Kauffman

**Absent** Steve Ritchie, Paul Frank, Eleanor Dunn, Harry Schrauth

**Staff Present** Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

**Guest** Etai Weininger, Glenview resident.

**Board Involvement**

**Native Plant Sale and Open House –**  
Sun., Oct. 25, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**End-of-Year Appeal Signing –**  
Weds., Nov. 4, 6 p.m., Richelle's House

**Remarks from the Vice President** Dee thanked everyone for a successful Creek-to-Bay day.

- Kimra passed around a Plant Sale sign-up sheet

- 2016 Board of Directors: Kimra announced that all current office holders are willing to remain in place, but anyone interested in becoming an officer should let her know. Also, anyone who is not able to serve on the board in 2016 should let her know.

**Grantor Indemnification Provision** Sean discussed the indemnification provision in the revised Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program Community Stewardship Grant Agreement. The board asked that Kimra get quotes for volunteer accident insurance.

**Board Member Briefing** Kimra discussed what receiving National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program support will entail, and how best to use the resources that we will be allocated. The NPS is going to give us 240 hours of staff time. Our liaison with NPS is Linda Stonier, who will help us identify our goals and describe which concrete steps we plan to take to achieve those goals. The first lower watershed planning meeting will be on

November 16<sup>th</sup>; all board members are invited to participate. Linda will attend our December 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The board then brainstormed ideas about what to bring to this project.

~ Kimra also said that she anticipates needing a part-time Lower Watershed Coordinator.

**FOSC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** The Steering Committee feels that the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of the Dimond Park project would seem an excellent opportunity to celebrate the anniversary. Dimond Park is where FOSC had its beginnings. However, it is too early to determine when that event will occur -- perhaps not until some time late summer 2016. The board discussed intentions for the celebration of FOSC's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary: thanking the community for its support; publicity; and fundraising.

**Montclair Gateway Median** Richard reported on the improvements happening at the top of Park Blvd, which is the gateway into Montclair Village. The board discussed what FOSC's involvement should be.

### **Minutes and Commitments Review**

- We are still working on a protocol for when we see Sausal Creek artifacts for sale. Dee will follow up on this.
- It appears that the Department of Justice will be approving FOSC's request to conduct background-checks. Mark made a motion that the board vote via email on the background-check policy. This motion was passed unanimously.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

**Financial Report - Project Timeline and Cash Flow Chart** Kimra discussed details of the financial report.

~ *For the Future Fund* Update: Carl and Kimra reported on the funds raised through board donation commitments and savings interest for the *For the Future Fund*. Carl suggested that legacy funding might be a good way for everyone to make contributions.

### **Executive Director Responds to Questions on Staff Report**

~ Kimra announced we will be sponsoring a Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour in the Dimond Park Native Plant Demonstration Garden on May 1, 2016. She needs commitments from the board to assist with garden tours for that full day. Mark suggested adding a history talk to this event.

~ Field Trip Staffing: Michelle has already booked 41 field trips for this academic year.

~ It may be that some fencing will kept in place after construction is complete at the Dimond Park Project, to allow the plants to get established.

~ Dimond Canyon Erosion Control Restoration Project Timeline: For construction next year, we must apply for permits immediately, because this project should go out to bid by January.

~ Plant sale: We will be using squareup.com to accept credit card payments (for a 2.75% fee). Cash, check, and credit card customers will pay the same price. The Nursery Committee recommends charging the same prices for plants as last year. If we decide to continue using Square, Sean recommends we get the new chip reader (cost: \$49).

~ Shoe disinfection at the plant sale: Contrary to what was written in the staff report, no purchase was made for the How To sign on shoe disinfection. The printing and mounting were donated by Ratcliff Architects.

~ Volunteer of the month was discussed.

~ Trails map: Karen Paulsell added a copyright on it for FOOSC.

**Round Robin or Reflections** Kimra invited a word or sentence from each person. Here are a few of those reflections:

Bob: Tabling for FOOSC at Oktoberfest was really fun. There was a constant stream of people stopping by, lots of young new residents. Jyllian, the new intern, helped table, and she really knew her stuff about bees!

Carl: I was in New England during Creek-to-Bay Day. There is so much water and greenery and healthy forest there! I'm really looking forward to those storm events helping the watershed. Also, it was encouraging to see the interest and commitment of the six people I have contacted so far who will be coming to our first lower watershed meeting.

Kimra: Over 60 people came to the bat walk with Jill Flaningam Miller, and 47 attended her talk! Walks on key topics are a real draw.

9:10 p.m.     **Adjournment**