



Minutes
Save Our Trails Annual Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2011
Willow Glen Baptist Church

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Gina America, Joan Bohnett, Rick Hernandez, Roland LeBrun, Taisia McMahon, Jack Nadeau, Mary Ellen Petrich, Bill Rankin, Shirley Rogers, Richard Silva, and Bruce Tichinin (making a quorum).

Directors Absent

None

Members in Attendance

Larry Ames, Garnetta Annable, Martin Delson, Nancy Ianni, Lars Thurfjell

Visitors in Attendance

Scott Strickland (staff to Supervisor Kniss), Amy Long (staff to Council Member Oliverio), Francis Herbert (staff to Assembly Member Beall), Megan Doyle (staff to Supervisor Yeager), Garnetta Annable and Clark Williams (of the Open Space Authority), David Pandori and Nancy Ianni (of the Envision 2040 Task Force), and about thirty members of the general public.

Vote

Mary Ellen collected the yearly dues, and members voted for a new Board and for Vice Preident and Treasurer

Speakers for General Meeting

Leslee Hamilton, Executive Director of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, spoke on "*The Guadalupe River Park and its place in the community*"

Larry Ames, Long time trails advocate spoke on "*The accomplishments of SAVE OUR TRAILS with regards to the Three Creeks Trail* "

Yves Zsutty, Trails Manager, City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services spoke on “*Overview of the San Jose Trails Program*”

Bruce Tichinin, Attorney, SAVE OUR TRAILS spoke on “*The acquisition and clean-up of the Three Creeks Trail*”. Bruce reported that the project to remove soil contamination from the Western Alignment of former Willow Glen Spur Railroad ROW is expected to start in April and run for 10-15 weeks. (The Western Alignment runs from Lonus Avenue, a little north of the trestle, south to Minnesota Avenue.) Notice of the start of the project is expected to be mailed to some 300 nearby property owners in early April.

The City and Union Pacific are presently in negotiations to produce a contract for the purchase of the Western Alignment. The purchase price is around \$7 Million. The City has the required funds. The City's negotiators expect to submit a final form of contract for the approval of the City Council this June, with an anticipated close of escrow on the purchase on the fully- decontaminated property in November.

This March 15, the San Jose City Council is expected to advance a proposal for a \$640,000 study for the design and construction of the entire 3 Creeks Trail (from Lonus Avenue to Minnesota to Kelly Park in East San Jose), a reach of 2.8 miles. The study contemplates that the Trail will open in fully-improved condition (paved with landscaping) in July of 2013. However, it also is anticipated that an interim trail (leveled and with gravel) will open for the Western Alignment shortly after it is purchased this November.

The presentations were followed by a question and answer session.

Results of Vote

After the meeting, the Nominating Committee counted the votes and announced the result: everyone on the ballot received more than the required 15 votes and consequently was re-elected.

For the Board:

Jack Nadeau, Shirley Rogers, Richard Silva, Bruce Tichinin, Clark Williams, Joan Bohnett

For Vice-President

Bill Rankin

For Treasurer:

Mary Ellen Petrich

For the Nominating Committee:

Larry Ames, Garnetta Annable, Nancy Ianni

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, April 11th, at 7:00 pm.

Appendix A: Abbreviations

CSJ = The City of San Jose
 LGCT = Los Gatos Creek Trail
 NC = Nominating Committee
 OSA = Open Space Authority
 ROW = right-of-way
 SCVWD = Santa Clara Valley Water District
 SVBC = Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
 SOT = SAVE OUR TRAILS
 UPRR = Union Pacific Railroad
 WGNA = Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
 3CT = The Three Creeks Trail

Appendix B: Action Items

No.	Date	Who	Action	Due
1	2/7	Bill	Call Lars Thurfjell to confirm his willingness to serve on the Board.	2/14
2	2/7	Bill	Call Rick Hernandez to confirm if he can be active on the Board.	2/14
3	2/7	Bill	Call Larry Ames to tell him to add Shirley Rogers to the list of nominees to the Board.	2/14
4	2/7	Bruce	Speak with A. Balagso about the disposition of the \$800K state grant if not dispersed by June 30.	2/14
5	2/7	Bill	Send a copy of the UPRR sales contract to the entire Board.	3/7
6	2/7	Bill	Talk to Leslee Hamilton, A Balagso, Y Zsutty about their willingness to speak	2/14
7	2/7	Bill	Talk with Tai about the possibility of moving meetings to the 2 nd monday.	3/7
8	2/7	Mary Ellen	Speak with bee keepers about their meeting schedule.	3/7
9	2/7	Roland	Get map of residents along the Three Creeks Trail ROW; determine count for flyers.	2/14
10	2/7	Mary Ellen	Make flyer about General Meeting and coordinate distribution.	2/21
11	2/7	Bill	Ask Larry if he would make a presentation at the General Meeting about the accomplishments of SOT.	2/14
12	2/7	Bill	Send phone numbers of all members to Richard.	2/14
13	2/7	Rich	Phone members to inform them about the General Meeting, the vote, and ask for their attendance.	2/21
14	2/7	Roland	Bring coffee to General Meeting	3/14
15	2/7	Jack	Bring cookies to General Meeting	3/14
16	2/7	Bill, Shirley	Bring water to General Meeting	3/14
17	2/16	Bill	Bring plates, cups, and napkins to General Meeting	3/14

18	2/16	Roland, Jack, Bill, Joan, Shirley	Help distribute flyers to residences along right-of-way.	3/1
19	2/16	Tai, Bill	Help distribute flyers to shops in neighborhood.	3/1
20	2/16	Lars	Place note about meeting in the Willow Glen Resident.	3/1
21	2/16	Martin	Create an agenda for the General Meeting and bring copies.	3/12
22	2/16	Larry +Nancy	Prepare ballots for election and bring to General Meeting.	3/12
23	2/16	Mary Ellen	Bring along a list of paid-up Active Members. Be prepared to accept cash and check dues, update the list, and ensure that ballots are given only to Active	3/12
24	2/16	Bill	Invite Board of Supervisors, San Jose City Council and Assembly Member Beall, and all staff, as well as Matt Morley, Albert Balagso, Yves Zsutty, and Matt Cano to the meeting,	2/18
25	2/17	Larry	Call Shirley to confirm her interest in serving on the Board	2/24
26	2/20	Tai	Arrange for music at General Meeting	3/1
27	2/20	Tai	Invite council members Kalra and Liccardo.	3/1
28	2/20	Bruce	Bring a food item to Gen Mtg,	3/14
29	2/20	Tai	Bring a deli tray to Gen Mtg.	3/14
30	2/21	Bill	Create wording of email invitations	3/14
31	2/21	Joan	Contact Excel Printing	3/14