

# Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

## Minutes

Save Our Trails Meeting  
Monday, October 8, 2012  
Willow Glen Baptist Church

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### Attendance

##### Directors in Attendance

Joan Bohnett, Martin Delson, Jake Jacobson, Scott Lane, Roland LeBrun, Jack Nadeau, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva, (making a quorum).

##### Directors Absent

Corinne Asturias (excused), Taisia McMahon (excused), Mary Ellen Petrich

##### Members in Attendance

none

##### Visitors in Attendance

Brenna Donnella, Christina Kim

#### Minutes Approved

The draft minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2012 were accepted.

#### Excused Absences

The absences of Corinne Asturias and Taisia McMahon were excused.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Governance Committee**

Joan wanted to schedule a meeting of the committee to discuss policy issues. The members agreed on meeting on Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> at Joan's house. Jake Jacobson said he would be interested in attending.

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

### **1. T-Shirts**

Roland reported that the T-shirts have been ordered and paid for. (SOT needs to reimburse Roland \$529.99 for his out-of-pocket expense.)

There was a discussion of what price we should ask when selling the T-shirts at events, or whether we should give them away to certain people. Roland said that the cost was \$5 per shirt, except for the XXL, which cost \$7 (excluding shipping.) A motion was made to sell the T-shirts for \$15 each. An amendment was proposed, to sell the T-shirts for \$5 for Board members and special people and to \$10 for everyone else. The amendment was voted down, as was the original motion.

A motion was then made to sell the T-shirts for \$5 for everyone who attended the clean-up and to Board Members. This motion passed on a vote of 4-3 with 1 abstention.

A further motion was made to sell T-shirts to the general public at \$10 each, or for \$5 if someone pays joins the organization as a paying member and pays the \$15 annual dues (i.e., spends a total of \$20 for membership and the shirt.) This motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention.

### **2. "Day on the Bay"**

"Day on the Bay" will be next Sunday, October 14, between 10 am and 3 pm, at the Alviso Marina. We will have a table there, which Bill Rankin volunteered to staff. Roland indicated that he should be there by 7:30 am to have time to set up. Roland also said that parking can be very difficult and recommended going there by taking a bicycle on the light rail, exiting at the River Oaks Stop, going to the Guadalupe River Trail, and bicycling on the Trail north to Alviso and the Marina.

### **3. Preparing for the Three Creeks Trail Clean-up**

We agreed that the flier that Corinne prepared would do very well. Jake said he would reformat it so two copies would fit on a single sheet of paper, and Scott volunteered to help Bill with their distribution along the route of the trail. There was a call for further volunteers to help with distribution.

There was a discussion of what equipment would be needed for the clean-up, and Roland pointed out that the city would be providing all the needed material: wheelbarrows, rakes, hoes, gloves, garbage bags, etc.

### **4. Stanford Mitigation Funds**

Martin reminded the group that we had earlier voted to support the expenditure of the Stanford mitigation funds on two projects proposed by Supervisors Kniss and Cortese, viz, a bridge across Hwy 101 at Adobe Creek and closing the gap in the Bay Trail in East Palo Alto. In the meantime, various other projects had been proposed, and Martin asked for the groups endorsement of a third trail project: along Matadero Creek in Palo Alto, as well as authorization for him to write a letter of support and/or speak in front of the Board of Supervisors. The Board authorized this action by a vote of 7-1.

Martin also expressed his disappointment with the project to close the gap in the Bay Trail, saying that it just brought the trail to University Avenue, instead of remaining completely off road all the way to the bikeway across the Dumbarton Bridge. Roland said that at some time in the future, he would be asking for the group’s support in an effort to preserve the railroad bridge across the Bay and to turn it into a trail linking east Palo Alto with the Coyote Hills in Newark.

**STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS**

No progress was reported on closing any of the open Action Items.

**NEW ISSUES**

1. Liaison with Stevens Creek Trail Planning Group

Martin forwarded a message from Tom Schaefer who reported that the forming of the “*Stevens Creek Trail Sunnyvale Planning Group*” had not been completed and that they have not yet had any meeting.

2. Further Projects we should be involved in

Jake said, with the Three Creeks Project not requiring our full attention, he thought we should be looking into what other projects we might focus our attention on. He suggested the issue of improving the signage along the trails (e.g. the lack of adequate signage at the Meridian Avenue end of the Los Gatos Creek Trail.) He volunteered to spearhead an effort to develop a list of other projects we should focus on.

**NEW ACTION ITEMS**

No.	Date	Who	Action	Due
93	10/9/12	Scott	Pass out fliers to neighbors for Three Creeks Trail clean-up effort.	10/20/12
94	10/9/12	Bill	Get prices from local organization for copying	10/12/12
95	10/9/12	Scott	Get in touch w WGNA, WGBA, WG Charm re clean-up publicity.	10/15/12
96	10/9/12	Bill	Set up table and tent for Three Creeks Trail clean-up. Talk with	10/20/12
97	10/9/12	Joan	Staff table on day of Clean-up.	10/20/12
98	10/9/12	Jake	Look into what new projects we should be involved in.	11/1/12

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.