

# Save Our Trails!



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

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

Monday, July 21, 2014

Dwell Christian Church

1292 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm.

### **Attendance**

Directors in Attendance: Richard Silva, Martin Delson, Jack Nadeau, MaryEllen Petrich, Bill Rankin (quorum)

Directors Absent: Joan Bohnett (excused), Bertha Ward (excused)

Members in Attendance: Larry Ames

Visitors in Attendance: Representative from Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio's office

Invited Speakers: None

### **Minutes**

Approval of minutes of 6/16 meeting was deferred.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Guest Report**

Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> the Friends of the Trestle presented their information in court, arguing that the city cannot declare a structure to be non-historical. They hope to have a response within a week.

It is hoped that the City of San Jose will be able to use the grant money for another purpose. Water district money is still available for the trestle.

#### **President's Report**

On Friday June 27, Bill attended a meeting at the office of Santa Clara Supervisor Cindy Chaves to discuss acquisition of the eastern alignment of the Three Creeks Trail. The meeting was organized by Bruce Tichinin. Also present were Sup Cindy Chavez; Heather Lerner of the Happy Hollow Foundation; Scott Strickland, Chief of Staff for Sup Chavez; and Mike Donohoe, policy aide to Sup. Cortese.

Bruce and Mike have been discussing prices with the RR for the land for the trail, without resolution. Everyone at the meeting is in support of buying the land, and agrees that the eastern alignment runs through an area that is underserved for parks. The trail would increase the size of Bellevue Park improve access to it. Sup Chavez had concerns about the safety of the trail going through this industrial section of San Jose.

Action items from the meeting are: continue trying to get the purchase price of the land (Bruce and Mike); get in touch with Madison Nguyen, and the two candidates for her council seat, to ask advice on how to get the land into city hands.

Bill also reminded the board that on July 17 he called for an email vote to support the OSA funding measure. The board voted 4-0 to support the measure. Martin composed a message to OSA saying: "I am pleased to let you know that the Board of SAVE OUR TRAILS has voted to endorse the parcel tax measure proposed by the Open Space Authority for the November 2014 ballot, as outlined in your memo of this date."

**Board reports and votes**

Jack says plans to attend the Open Space Authority meeting. Mon 7/28 7:00 p.m. 6980 Santa Teresa Blvd, Suite 100, San Jose, CA. At this meeting the board will discuss a ballot for the September election to fund OSA projects.

Larry alerted the board to outdoor “Frank Talks”. On Sat 7/19, Mike Kutilek and Audrey Rust led an informative walking tour of the Outdoor Classroom and in William Street Park . The next event will be a creek cleanup on Sunday, September 21. <http://www.valleywater.org/programs/creekconnections.aspx>

Larry discussed a meeting related to the Diridon plan. There was a debate of which should have priority, the Diridon plan or the park plan. They each have different plans for the treatment of the creek. Sam Licardo proposed delaying the decision for more study time.

Richard reported that the doggie bag dispensers which have been installed on the Three Creeks Trail are still in good shape, and someone is filling them with bags.

The board will organize a cleanup on October 18 with Molly Tobias. Bill volunteered to coordinate board members.

Martin announced two important bike meetings being held by the San Jose Department of Transportation to discuss upcoming bike projects.

- **East side:** Wed, Aug 6, 2014, 6 PM, Mayfair Community Center, 2039 Kammerer Ave
- **West side:** Wed, Aug 13, 2014, 6 PM, Gardner Community Center, 520 W. Virginia St

Mary-Ellen and Larry will meet July 25 to discuss possible grant options.

On Sat, Aug. 16th: 9-11am Senator Beall is sponsoring a creek cleanup in Campbell Park. <http://sd15.senate.ca.gov/event/2014-08-16-los-gatos-creek-cleanup>

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, August 18, at 7:00 pm, at Dwell Memorial Church.

**ACTION ITEMS**

#	Date	Who	Action	Due
228	7/21/14	Bill	Talk to Sam Licardo about Park Dev money for downtown	8/18/14
229	7/21/14	Martin	Talk to CM Oliverio about Park Dev money for downtown	8/18/14
230	7/21/14	Bill	Will talk with Richard and Joan to find their thoughts on a cleanup for Oct 18.	8/18/14
231	7/21/14	Bill	Work with Richard and Jack to add trashcans, especially at bus stops on Willow and Coe.	8/18/14
232	7/21/14	Bill	Talk with Molly about a cleanup on the Highway 87 trail	8/18/14
233	7/21/14	Bill	Use smart phone to send graffiti photos of TCT, N of Coe.	8/18/14
234	7/21/14	Bill	With Larry and Martin, meet with council members on trail issues.	1/1/15
235	7/22/14	Bill	Day on the Bay. Oct 12.	10/12/14