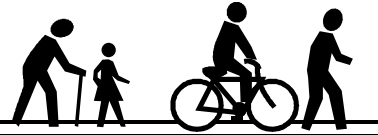


Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Save Our Trails Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2011

Willow Glen Baptist Church

ADMINISTRATION

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Joan Bohnett, Martin Delson, Rick Hernandez , Roland LeBrun , Taisia McMahon , Jack Nadeau, Mary Ellen Petrich, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva, Lars Thurfjell (making a quorum).

Directors Absent

none

Directors on Leave

Shirley Rogers

Members in Attendance

Larry Ames, Carlos Babcock, Jake Jacobson, Annette Rankin

Visitors in Attendance

Don Weden, Friends of Santa Clara County's Parks, Trails, and Open Space

Minutes Approved

The minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2011 were unanimously accepted.

Excused Absences

N/A

CHANGES TO AGENDA

A presentation by Don Weden was added.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Taisia received a request from Don Weden for support, which we should consider.

Vice-President's Report

Bill will take over the issue of banner production and will obtain a price for the banner.

Treasurer's Report

We have \$1093.33 in the bank currently. Mary Ellen circulated a financial statement and a cash flow statement.

Attorney's Report

Bruce was not present but contacted us by telephone. He said he reviewed the memos between the County Supervisors of February 2011 related to the issue of allocation of County Park Charter funds, and he summarized their positions for us. He added that he had not yet heard back from Supervisor Shirakawa regarding Bruce's request for a meeting.

PROGRESS ON OPEN ACTION ITEMS

No.	Who	Action	Progress
4	Bill R.	Send an email to the Board specifying details (size, color scheme, etc.) of the banner with	No progress; to be done by next week
5	Bill R.	Get three bids for the banner and present them to the Board.	No progress; to be done by next week
9	Joan	Initiate process of devising formal procedure for resignations.	No progress; to be done by the next meeting
19	Taisia	Get a letter from GRPC that states that they will act as our financial agent in grant	No progress; to be done by the next meeting
22	Bill R.	Speak to Rick H. about his progress on producing the banner	Bill and Rick agreed that Bill will take over responsibility for this action
23	Martin	Send agenda of next meeting to <u>all</u> members.	Done, but item to be kept open as a reminder.
26	Martin	Format information from gmail list so Mary Ellen can add entries to members roster.	Martin and Taisia to collaborate on eliminating extraneous entries and formatting what remains.
27	Bill	Schedule a meeting of the Outreach Committee	No progress; to be done by next week
28	Taisia	Send an email to all members requesting their attendance and participation at one of	Done.
29	Taisia	Send an email to all members requesting they respond in writing to the Santa Clara	Done

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

Deferred Issues

We did not have time to discuss the surface of the path on the Three Creeks Trail.

New Issues

- a) Request from Don Weden to endorse the “Basic Principles” put forth by the Friends of Santa Clara County’s Parks, Trails, and Open Space

Don expressed a concern that Park Charter funds intended for parks and trails of county-wide significance might be misappropriated for neighborhood parks in underserved county areas. He was building a coalition of like-minded organizations to keep Charter funds for the originally designated purpose, and asked that SAVE OUR TRAILS vote to support the following set of Principles:

Principle #1: Consistency with Voter Intent and with County Plans and Policies

The County Parks Charter Fund should only be used in ways that are consistent with:

- a. The Charter Fund ballot language approved by the voters,
- b. The County General Plan’s parks and urban development policies
- c. The County Parks Department’s Strategic Plan

Principle #2: Countywide Significance

The County Parks Charter Fund should only be used for parks and trails – in rural and urban areas – that are of countywide significance.

Principle #3: Parks Deficient Areas

High priority should be considered for proposed urban parkland acquisitions of countywide significance within or near areas that are parks deficient.

Bruce (via telephone) and Don had an animated exchange on the issues and the politics of the Board of Supervisors. Martin said he felt uncomfortable voting on a potentially controversial issue after hearing only one side of the story. Tai felt that it was important that we talk with Supervisor Shirakawa before taking a stand, and said that she would urgently try to set up a meeting with the Supervisor.

Given the perceived urgency of the issue, the Board agreed to hold a special meeting on the following Monday, November 21st to consider this issue.

b) Consideration of alternatives for handling email list. (Mary Ellen)

We did not have time to discuss this issue. It too will be deferred to the special meeting on Monday, November 21st.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, November 21st, at 7:00 pm. Joan said that she will not be able to attend and requested that her absence be excused.

Appendix A: Abbreviations

- CSJ = The City of San Jose
- EIR = Environmental Impact Report
- FOSCT = Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail
- GRPC = Guadalupe River Parks Conservancy
- LGCT = Los Gatos Creek Trail
- NC = Nominating Committee
- OSA = Open Space Authority
- PRNS = Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services
- ROW = right-of-way
- SCVWD = Santa Clara Valley Water District
- SJPF = San Jose Parks Foundation
- 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: Open Action Items

No.	Date	Who	Action	Due
4	5/31/11	Bill R.	Send an email to the Board specifying details (size, color scheme, etc.) of the banner with proposed logo and text.	11/21
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