

# Save Our Trails!



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

**SAVE OUR TRAILS  
Board Meeting  
Willow Glen Baptist Church  
May 14, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome to visitors.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 9, 2012

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE**

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

- a. President's report
  - Report on meeting with Assemblyman Fong
  - Status of sub-committees and the scheduling of their meetings
- b. Vice-President's report
- c. Treasurer's report
- d. Secretary's report
- e. Attorney's report

**CURRENT ISSUES**

- a. Status of Action Items
- b. Proposed policy on approving expenditures by email: see Addendum below

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Outreach Committee**

**Trail Adoption and Maintenance Committee**

### **DEFERRED ISSUES**

- a. Define a policy for contacting Membership for political action. (Martin) Some alternatives are:
- Restrict mailings to issues narrowly related to trails in Santa Clara County;
  - Allow mailings on a broader range of local issues (e.g. zoning); or
  - Allow mailings on a wide range of topics of statewide and national significance.

### **NEW ISSUES**

- a) Set up a Tamien Area Committee whose job it will be to suggest revisions to the Tamien Specific Plan, including a trail connection across the railway tracks (Roland)
- b) Consider email from Yves Zsutty about how to best advocate for the Three Creeks Trail. (Bruce, Roland, et al)
- c) Comment on BART Bike Plan? (vd email from Yves Zsutty of 5/1) (Martin)
- d) Set up Parkland Acquisition Committee (Roland)
- e) Personalized SOT business cards (Jake)
- f) Status of combining gmail and email contacts to membership list (Taisia)
- g) Report on Dumbarton rail connection plans (Roland)
- h) Community garden plot (Joan, Taisia)
- i) Meeting that Bill and Mary Ellen had with Mollie Tobias and progress toward adopting the maintenance on the trail. (Bill)

### **Addendum: Proposed new policy:**

No member shall expend any money or make any monetary commitment on behalf of the organization without prior approval of the Board. In urgent situations, where it is necessary to disperse money for purposes of the Organization before the next meeting of the Board, a request for approval of the expenditure may be sent by email to all Board Members, and Board Members polled by email. The request shall state the amount and the purpose of the expenditure. If a quorum responds, and a majority responds affirmatively, then that will be considered as authorization for the expenditure in question. However, if two or more Board Members object (even if a majority are in favor), the expenditure of Organization funds may not be made without majority approval after discussion at a Board meeting.