

Save Our Trails!



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

**DRAFT Minutes
Save Our Trails Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2012
Willow Glen Baptist Church**

ADMINISTRATION

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Corinne Asturias, Martin Delson, Jake Jacobson, Scott Lane, Roland LeBrun, Taisia McMahon, Jack Nadeau, Mary Ellen Petrich, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva, (making a quorum).

Directors Absent

Joan Bohnett, Lars Thurfjell

Members in Attendance

Richard Zapelli

Visitors in Attendance

Melrose Cacal, of the office of Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio; Marcella Yee

Minutes Approved

Roland suggested several changes to the draft minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2012. The changes were accepted without objection and the minutes were approved as amended.

Excused Absences

The absence of Joan Bohnett was excused.

Changes to the Agenda

Richard Zapelli had an item he asked be added to the agenda.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President's Report

Taisia and Bruce met on May 29th with Matt Cano and Yves Zsutty of the Parks & Recreation department of the City of San Jose.

Taisia said that Matt gave her a table showing the funds available for the development of the Western Alignment of the Three Creeks Trail. It showed the following funds:

Source	Reference	Amount
SCVWD	Parks Trust Fund	\$650K
CSJ	Parks Trust Fund	\$215K
CSJ	Reserve Parks Trust Fund	\$621K
CSJ	CD6 S&C Tax fund	\$462K
California	Roberti Z'Berg grants	\$1,200K

Taisia said that SAVE OUR TRAILS could not support the allocation of the Roberti Z'Berg funds to the development of the Western Alignment as long as the Eastern Alignment was still in private hands. It was much more important that these funds be used to purchase the right-of-way of the Eastern Alignment and to landbank it. We would not support the request to the City Council.

A poll of the Board showed full agreement with this position.

Taisia said that several days later she received an email from Matt indicating that he had accepted the position and would reserve the Z'Berg funds for the Eastern Alignment.

Mary Ellen raised the issue that we need political allies in District 7 to advocate for the acquisition of the right-of-way. Corinne volunteered to contact the neighborhood associations along the route of the Eastern Alignment to inform them of the issue and to ask them for their support. Martin said that he had compiled a list of these associations, and would send it to her.

Bill reported that he and Mary Ellen met with Molly Tobias of the City of San Jose Department of Parks and Recreation regarding volunteering for trail maintenance. He said, Molly also expressed an interest in taking a tour of the trail.

It was suggested that a clean-up be organized for the trail.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Ellen reported \$1,552 in the bank account.

Secretary's Report

In the interest of saving time, Martin said he would entire the Secretary's report in the minutes without taking the time to report verbally.

- (1) With Board approval, Martin wrote a letter to BART with suggestions on trail construction along the southern extension of BART to Warm Springs.
- (2) Martin attended a presentation by Supervisors Kniss and Cortese regarding their proposed use of Stanford mitigation funds for construction of a bridge across 101 at Adobe Creek and to closes the gap in the Bay Trail between East Palo Alto and the Dumbarton Bridge.
- (3) With Board approval, Martin wrote a letter to the County Supervisors in support of the proposal by Supervisors Kniss and Cortese. Roland said that tha proposal was made as a political gesture, and he did not support it, and would vote against it next time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee had met or had anything to report. Martin stated that he tried to get members of the Outreach Committee together during the past month, but despite having suggested many possible dates, no more than three members besides himself were available to meet on any given date. Several members of the committee did not respond to his email, he said.

CURRENT ISSUES

a) Status of Action Items

Five Action Items were closed since the last meeting, but fifteen more remain open.

b) Business Cards

There was an extended, but inconclusive, discussion of business cards. Among the issues were the following

- Purpose of card: contact information only versus outreach
- Whether or not the card should have personal email addresses and phone numbers.
- Which Board Members wanted cards.
- The appearance of the SOT logo on the cards.

NEW ISSUES

a) History Meeting of WGNA

Richard Zapelli informed the Board that the June 20th meeting of WGNA would involve itself with issues of history, including the history of the “Willow Glen Spur” (the railroad whose right-of-way will be used by the Three Creeks Trail.) Bill said that he would attend the meeting.

b) Committee Meetings

In response to the fact that committee chairs have found it difficult to organize committee meetings, the Board agreed informally that if three or more members of a committee could agree on attending a meeting, the meeting should take place.

c) General Meeting

Roland suggested that we call another meeting that would be of general interest to the community. As possible items on the agenda of such a meeting, Roland suggested the following presentations:

- Trail safety issues by a San Jose police officer Kevin Mank, relating to the concepts of “Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)”
- San Jose Clean (for people who would be willing to look after the trail without getting dirty)
- Adopt-a-Trail presentation and sign up by Mollie Tobias.

The Board agreed that September would be a good date for such a meeting. Roland and Scott agreed to collaborate on the agenda for such a meeting.

d) Funding Source Needed for Trail Maintenance

Roland pointed out that according to a recently adopted directive by the mayor, San Jose would not agree to construct any trails until there was a guaranteed source of funds for the trail maintenance.

e) Park Charter Funds Issue

Roland reported that the issue of the use (or mis-use, according to some) of the Park Charter Funds will not come before the Board of Supervisors until some time in August.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

No.	Date	Who	Action	Due
74	6/11/12	Martin	Tell Corinne about NACs along Eastern Alignment	6/18
75	6/11/12	Corinne	Contact NACs along Eastern Alignment to try to meet with them and	
76	6/11/12	Jake	Suggest several alternative designs for a SOT T-shirt, and present them to the Board.	7/8
77	6/11/12	Roland	Get costs of buying T-shirts	6/18
78	6/11/12	Bill	Attend WGNA meeting of June 20 th regarding tie-in of history and trails.	6/20
79	6/11/12	Martin	Send MEP and Taisia the complete list of contacts.	6/18
80	6/11/12	Roland &	Plan a meeting in September to engage the general public.	
81	6/11/12	Jake	Work with Larry Ames on a redesign of the SOT logo, and distribute the revised logo for Board review.	
82	6/11/12	Taisia	Confer with Larry Ames about organizing another trail tour for the public	

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, July 9th, at 7:00 pm.