

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Save Our Trails Third Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Bascom Community Center

ADMINISTRATION

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Corinne Asturias, Joan Bohnett, Martin Delson, Jake Jacobson, Scott Lane, Roland LeBrun, Taisia McMahon, Jack Nadeau, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva, Bruce Tichinin (making a quorum).

Directors Absent

Mary Ellen Petrich (excused), Lars Thurfjell (on leave)

Members in Attendance: many, including

Joe Carpenter, nominee for the Board of Directors

Bertha Ward, nominee for the Board of Directors

Dignitaries and Public Figures in Attendance

- Garnetta Annable, former Director for District 4, Open Space Authority of Santa Clara County
- Rayshelle Brant, Council Assistant to Johnny Khamis, San Jose City Council Member representing District 10
- Dave Cortese, Santa Clara County Supervisor representing District 3
- Sam Liccardo, San Jose City Council Member representing District 3
- Dorsey Moore, Director for District 4, Open Space Authority of Santa Clara County
- Madison Nguyen, Vice-Mayor of San Jose and Council Member representing District 7
- Alex Shoor, Policy Aide to Ken Yeager, Santa Clara County Supervisor representing District 4
- Yves Zsutty, Program Manager, City of San Jose Trail's Program

General Public

About 30 – 35 members of the general public were in attendance, for a total turn-out of between 50 and 55 people.

REGISTRATION AND VOTING

The public was asked to sign in, and was invited to become a member and/or purchase a SAVE OUR TRAILS T-shirt.

Voting Members were given a ballot, and asked to vote for or against the candidates for the new Board of Directors, Vice President, Treasurer, and the membership of the Nominating Committee.

Refreshments were offered to all.

FORMAL PROGRAM

Introductions

President Taisia McMahon welcomed the dignitaries and public figures in attendance, Members of the Board of Directors, and members of the public

Presentations by guest speakers

Council Member Sam Liccardo spoke on the subject of *“Benefits of trails to the community and the individual, and the importance of community involvement”*

Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen spoke on the subject of *“Advocacy for trails at the state and national levels, and the impact of the Three Creeks Trail on the neighborhood.”*

Yves Zsutty, San Jose Trails Manager spoke and made a visual presentation on the subject of *“San Jose’s trail development efforts”*

Questions and Answer Session

Several members of the audience asked questions of the speakers about various issues related to plans for trails, items on the San Jose budget, and how to develop influence over council decisions.

RESULTS OF VOTING

President Taisia McMahon announced the results of the election:

- Members Joan Bohnett, Jack Nadeau, and Richard Silva were re-elected to the Board of Directors.
- Vice –President Bill Rankin was re-elected to another two-year term of office.
- Treasurer Mary Ellen Petrich was re-elected to another two-year term of office.
- Candidates Joe Carpenter and Bertha Ward were elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors.
- Candidates Larry Ames, Helen Chapman, David Ginsborg, Leslee Hamilton, and Nancy Ianni were elected to the Nominating Committee.

CLOSING REMARKS

President McMahon reminded those in attendance of the Trail Clean-Up on April 20th and requested participation by all who can.

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board will be on April 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Willow Glen Baptist Church.