

# Save Our Trails!



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

**Minutes  
SAVE OUR TRAILS  
Board Meeting  
Dwell Christian Church  
1292 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125  
Monday, September 16, 2013**

## **REPORT OF CLOSED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11**

A closed meeting of the Board was held on September 11, 2013. No action was taken at that meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

### Attendance

#### Directors in Attendance

Corinne Asturias, Joan Bohnett, Joe Carpenter, Jake Jacobson, Roland LeBrun, Taisia McMahon, Jack Nadeau, Mary Ellen Petrich, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva, Lars Thurffjell, Bruce Tichinin, and Bertha Ward (making a quorum).

#### Directors Absent

Martin Delson (excused)

#### Visitors and Members in Attendance

Approximately eight persons.

#### Invited Speakers

Supervisor Dave Cortese

## **SPECIAL SESSION**

Address by Supervisor Dave Cortese to the Community, and questions and answers.

Supervisor Cortese is a member of ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments). He discussed the following topics.

- Bay Trail connection in Fremont
- Google's idea for setting aside some money from private industry (e.g. Google, Yahoo, etc.) into a pot at MTC (Metropolitan Transit Commission) that can be used to fund trail improvements and connections.

- \$100 million was identified by Google as the cost for closing gaps in trails in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose, and the County
- He would like to identify the two most important routes to be completed.
- Pay for the engineering, and bring that to the County Board.
- Suggested need to publicize the idea with the community via phone calls, letters, etc. regarding the plan.
- Cities above are lukewarm to the idea and need convincing.
- SAVE OUR TRAILS should continue to advocate for the Eastern Alignment

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair reminded participants of the rules governing the conduct of the meeting.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome to visitors.

### **DEFERRED REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Bertha moved that the following recommendation, dated September 4, 2013, from the Governance Committee “*The Board may take action on any item on the Agenda, including items which may be added as New Issues. If you wish to be heard on any topic, please attend the meeting so you voice can be heard*” be modified by removing the phrase “*so you voice can be heard.*” The motion carried by a vote of 8 to 0 with 5 abstentions.
2. The recommendations from the Governance Committee dated June 19, 2013, and modified on September 4, 2013, regarding *New meeting procedures*, were unanimously agreed to be modified as shown in Appendix A below.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting (August 19) were not discussed.

### **DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**

No directors’ reports were presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Report of the Communications Committee**

Joe sent, as a test of Google Groups, invitations to several members of the Board. He said he will send invitations to the remaining board members and make a presentation to the Board about how we may efficiently use this application.

### **NEW ISSUES**

The Board unanimously accepted Scott Lane’s resignation from the Board.

## NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at the Dwell Christian Church.

## APPENDIX A:

Revised recommendations dated June 19, 2013 , and modified on September 4, 2013, from the Governance Committee regarding ***New meeting procedures:***

- a. The Chair (typically, the President) should temporarily hand the direction of the meeting to another Board Member (typically, the Vice-President) if the Chair wants to actively participate in the discussion of an issue.
- b. At any time, the Chair may declare that discussion of an issue should proceed in round-robin fashion. In addition, upon the request of two or more Members of the Board, the Chair shall discuss that issue in round-robin fashion.
  - When an issue is discussed in round-robin fashion, the Chair shall provide each member a turn if they have anything to say on an issue. No member may interrupt another member during this round, but should make notes and speak when their turn comes. If a Board Member has already spoken on the issue, and has something further to say, they should raise their hand to indicate a request to speak further. The Chair (or a designated assistant) should keep track of requests to speak, and then call on these members to speak after the completion of the round-robin, in the order the requests were made.
  - On each issue, the round-robin should start with a different person.
- c. If anyone violates any of the procedural rules (e.g., if a Member interrupts another, or if the Chair calls on a member out of turn during a round-robin), a Member may call “**point of order**” to bring the violation of protocol to the attention of the Chair. The Chair will rule, either recognizing the validity of the point of order, or denying it. If the Chair denies the point of order, the person raising the point of order may appeal the decision to the full Membership which will then vote on whether the claim of a violation of protocol is valid or not.