

# Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes  
Board Meeting  
Monday, August 18, 2014  
Dwell Christian Church  
1292 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

Joan Bohnett requested a leave of absence for August and September.

## **Attendance**

Directors in Attendance: Richard Silva, Martin Delson, Jack Nadeau, MaryEllen Petrich, Bill Rankin (quorum)

Directors Absent: Joan Bohnett (leave of absence), Bertha Ward (excused)

Members in Attendance: Larry Ames, Scott Lane

Visitors in Attendance: Representative from Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio's office, Jack Swallow. Janice Rombeck from Supervisor Cortese's office.

Invited Speakers: None

## **Minutes**

Minutes were approved from 6/16 meeting and 7/21 meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **Guest Report**

Larry Ames reported that Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> the Friends of the Trestle presented their information in court, arguing that the city cannot declare a structure to be non-historical. They hope to have a response within a week. It is hoped that the City of San Jose will be able to use the grant money for another purpose. Water district money is still available for the trestle.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Income = \$15 from a new member

Expenditures = \$105 for 3-months' donation to Church,  
and 74¢ Paypal fee.

Current assets = **\$2,701.19.**

### **Board reports and votes**

The board discussed Sam Licardo's plan to change park funds downtown, and inviting a guest to discuss Sam Licardo's proposal. Bill offered to organize. [AI 237]

Jack attended the Open Space Authority meeting. Mon 7/28 7:00 p.m. A ballot is planned for the September election to fund OSA projects at \$24 per parcel. A two-thirds majority would be required to approve this fund.

The board cancelled the cleanup on October 18, because the 5 Wounds Trail cleanup will be that day. Bill will work with Molly Tobias to pick another date. [AI 238]

Martin and Bill attended two important bike meetings held by the San Jose Department of Transportation to discuss upcoming bike projects. They reported that the West Side meeting had over 100 attendees and

the East Side meeting had about 20 attendees. The city plans to put bike lanes on Lincoln north of Willow and south of Park, eliminating parking spots.

Sept 20 is Creek Cleanup Day, but some groups are having cleanups the weekend before on Sept 13.

Mary-Ellen and Larry met 7/25 to discuss possible grant options. They were not able to develop an idea that would have a demonstrable impact and that would be an action supported by all stakeholders. Bill offered to contact Yves, Molly, and Heather to see if they have suggestions. [AI 239]

Martin described an issue with a lot at Lorraine and Montgomery, south of Park Ave in San Jose. This lot is potentially under development and the owner wants to change the zoning. The neighbors object and the issue has gone to city council. Martin will report on the outcome. [AI 240]

The City of San Jose will have a public meeting on street improvements of St John Street including bike lanes. Thursday, August 21, 2014, 6:00 PM, San Jose City Hall, 200 E Santa Clara St. Rm 120

Day on the Bay is Saturday Oct 12. Bill will staff. No other board member was able to commit at this time. Bill will look at prices for fold-and-go. [AI 241]

Martin announced that Santa Clara Valley Water District will be conducting sediment removal along the Guadalupe River, just north of Coleman Avenue (downtown). The trail will remain open, but the peak morning and afternoon commute traffic may be impacted by staff and equipment in the area. Information is posted to the blog and linked on Twitter.

Martin described the proposed housing development on the blind corner on Stevens Canyon Road in Cupertino, near where two bicyclists were killed. This is an issue that in the purview of the Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail. At present that group is not taking a position and Martin suggests we do the same.

Star Concrete is planning to expand. They are located near the trail. This issue is on city council agenda tomorrow 8/19.

Martin suggests that we move our 501c4 status to 501c3. He says that the IRS has come up with an expedited way to get the new status. Add to next agenda. Martin [AI 242]

Jack noted that there is an exhibit on history of bicycling in the Santa Clara Valley at History San Jose. Martin will print out new flyers to give to Jack to add to add to a table. Jack will send a message to the board about the dates for the exhibit. [AI 243]

Martin asked that the secretary send reminders of Action Items soon after meeting, rather than right before meeting. [AI 244]

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, September 15, at 7:00 pm, at Dwell Memorial Church.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#	Date	Who	Action	Due
237	8/18/14	Bill	Find a speaker about Licardo's park fund plan.	9/15/14
238	8/18/14	Bill	Ask Molly about a different date for a cleanup	9/15/14
239	8/18/14	Bill	Contact Yves, Molly, Heather for suggestions.	9/15/14
240	8/18/14	Martin	Report on outcome of rezoning at Lorraine & Montgomery	9/15/14
241	8/18/14	Bill	Price of fold-&-go	9/15/14
242	8/18/14	Martin	Discuss non-profit status at next meeting.	9/15/14
243	8/18/14	Jack	Send dates of bike exhibit to board	9/15/14
243	8/18/14	Mary-Ellen	Send Action Items after the meeting.	On-going