

# Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes  
Board Meeting  
Monday, October 20, 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, September, & October.

## **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

Visitors in Attendance: Saloni from city councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio's office.

Invited Speakers: None

## **Minutes**

Minutes of 9/15 were approved with changes with 4 yays and 1 abstention.

## **REPORTS**

### **Officer Reports**

Bill reported on staffing a table for Day on the Bay, and the trail count for the Three Creeks Trail.

Bill and Martin will meet San Jose Trail Coordinator on 10/21 at Blackford School to discuss Three Creeks Trail (grants, connections with 87), and Los Gatos Creek Trail (undercrossing at Meridian).

### **Guest Report**

Larry discussed the new Three Creeks Trail Master Plan and wanting the public to study it and give comments.

### **Board reports and votes**

The board discussed Sam Licardo's plan for the downtown park fund.

Tomorrow, 10/21 at 6pm, there will be a presentation by the City of San Jose on the EIR for the trestle on the 3CT (Public Scoping Meeting), at the Willow Glen Community Center. See (Larry and Jack) See <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=2434>

Martin discussed options for tax exempt status. One advantage is that it would be easier to get grants that are only for 501c3 organizations; also our members could make tax deductible donations to us without going through the San Jose Parks' Foundation. Martin investigated whether a 501c3 organization can be involved in lobbying, and the definition of same. It was determined that a 501c3 can lobby for issues related to their mission, but not for individuals running for office. The board discussed the option of become a 501(c)3. It was decided to drop this for now, till needed.

Our friends at The Open Space Authority (OSA) need our help: not only with a YES vote on Measure Q but with help getting the word out about Measure Q. Would you be willing to work a phone bank an evening or two before the Nov. 4 election? The measure is a fund raiser for the OSA which will raise money to fund trails (including The Three Creeks Trail), parks, and open space. It will also protect the lands around our

rivers and streams and therefore the (Q)uality of our drinking water.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4daea72ca1f85-phone>

Jim Beall would like to see the Los Gatos Creek Trail developed south of Lexington Res and onto the old RR line that goes over the hill into Santa Cruz. Larry discussed the history of creek-side trails. The board voted to request that Martin write a letter urging action on this issue. [AI 245]

The board voted to have the annual meeting on March 16 2015, and to ask Jim Beall to be a speaker. [AI 246]

Dwell Christian Church has contacted us to let us know that our meeting room will change to a different room starting in November. Our new meeting space will be in a different building and will require climbing a flight of stairs which may be a problem. The board voted 4 aye and 1 nay, to move venues to the Willow Glen Library. The board voted to meet in odd months, 4 for, and 1 abstention. Martin will send a message to all members to inform them of the change in meeting in schedule. Bill will inform the church that we are planning on moving [AI 247 and AI 248]

The San Jose BPAC meeting was tonight. Happily, the representative from the District 6 office attended that meeting and reported on an issue that was discussed related to a double bike line on Story Road near Sunset and Hopkins, across the street from a parking lot.

Martin forwarded his proposal of simplifying the group policies, and will present on it at the next meeting. [AI 210]

Save Our Trails has officially adopted the Three Creeks Trail. The board thanked Richard for the hard work that his group has done to keep the trail clean and free of hazards.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, November 17, at 7:00 pm, at Willow Glen Library community room.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Due</b>
245	10/20/14	Martin	Write a letter to Jim Beall to support extending the Los Gatos Creek Trail.	11/17/14
246	10/20/14	Bill	Invite Jim Beall to speak at our annual meeting.	11/17/14
247	10/20/14	Martin	Will inform members of new schedule.	11/17/14
248	10/20/14	Bill	Will inform the church of our move to a new venue.	11/17/14
249	10/22/14	M.E.	3CT on Google Street View	1/1/15
250	10/20/14	All	Annual Meeting	11/17/14