

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes
Board Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2014
Willow Glen Public Library
1157 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Richard Silva, Martin Delson, Jack Nadeau, M.E. Petrich, Bill Rankin, Joan Bohnett (quorum)

Directors Absent: Bertha Ward (excused)

Members in Attendance: Larry Ames

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

Invited Speakers: None

Minutes

Minutes of 10/20 were approved with changes with 5 yays and 1 abstention.

REPORTS

Officer Reports

Bill, Martin, & Rich met with the San Jose trail coordinator on the morning of 10/21. Yves is optimistic about trails in San Jose. The group discussed filling the gap between the Three Creeks Trail and the Los Gatos Creek Trail. There may be room for a bridge. [AI 251]

SOT celebrated the passage of Measure Q. Some funding will be directed to trails in Santa Clara County.

Martin reported that he wrote a letter of support for the San Jose trail coordinator for the acquisition of land on the northern reach of the Coyote Creek to Julie Edmund Mars.

Martin wrote a letter to Jim Beall to expressing our support for his idea of extending the Los Gatos Creek Trail south of Lexington Reservoir.

Martin went on a bicycle tour of Mountain View and Sunnyvale organized by SVBC and the Committee for Green Foothills, and met the chair person for the BPAC for Mountain View. He proposed that we could help with letter support for grants.

Treasurer's report. We spent \$35 for the meeting space. Account balance is \$2866.19

Guest Report

The District 6 representative announced that Del Monte Park will open on Saturday Dec 6 at 2pm. The new park includes a play area, dog park, rest rooms. Contact the District 6 office for more info.

On Thursday Dec 11 at 5:30pm there will be a Bart/VTA Meeting at the Santa Clara County Supervisors Chamber.

Larry reported that he and Helen had a 20 minute meeting with Sam Licardo about park funds for downtown. He wants to find funding for maintaining the three downtown parks and this plan will help with that. He feels that there may be some flexibility in the specific numbers.

Board reports and votes

Debbie Wade is a neighbor who has organized trail cleanups through Molly and we offered to assist by advertising and participating.

Proposed dates for a Three Creeks Trail cleanup Saturday Dec 13th, Jan 24th, or Jan 31st. The board supported the date of 24th. [AI 238]

Larry Ames attended the 3CT Public Scoping Meeting on Oct 21, at the Willow Glen Community Center. He reported that there was no public discussion at the meeting, but there was an opportunity to submit questions that the city should ask in the environmental review.

BART. Originally, VTA planned to have BART a stop at Alum Rock behind the Five Wounds Church, but now proposes to not build this, but perhaps they may add a station at 23rd Street later. Also they want to remove the Santa Clara stop. The board voted that we should write to the membership encouraging them to become informed about the issue of the Alum Rock BART station. The notice will include a link to an online petition. The notice will describe how this issue is related to trails. The notice will include a link to the Mercury News Article[AI 253].

Larry described the Knight Cities Challenge and his two proposals.

The board discussed attending other neighborhood and city meetings to learn and to discuss our mission. Martin offered to create a list of groups and how they relate to trails. [AI 255]

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 8:55pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 7:00 pm, at the Willow Glen Library community room.

ACTION ITEMS

#	Date	Who	Action	Due
251	11/17/14	Martin	Contact City District 6 about plan to look at options for connecting the Los Gatos Creek Trail to the Three Creeks Trail	12/22/14
252	11/17/14	Joan	Work with Yves on trail history.	ongoing
253	11/17/14	Bill	Write a note to membership encouraging them to engage on the issue of the Alum Rock BART station.	12/1/14
254	11/17/14	Bill/Mep	Look at locations for annual meeting American Legion Hall. Willow Glen Library. Eagles Hall. Bascom Center. Rose Garden Library, the Dwell Christian Church, among others.	12/1/14
255	11/17/14	Martin	Create a list of local related groups.	1/20/14