

# Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes  
Board Meeting  
Monday, May 23, 2016  
Willow Glen Public Library  
1157 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

### **Attendance**

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

Members in Attendance: Larry Ames

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

### **Minutes**

Minutes are needed for July and September 2015, and January and March 2016.

## **REPORTS**

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$3438.28 in all accounts

### **New Issues**

Richard Silva reported that a tree fell on the trail, which he engaged with the city to cleanup. He asked to be reimbursed for an expenditure of \$22 for refreshments. Motion passed (4 yays, 1 nay, 1 abstention).

Richard Silva reported on options for clearing the trail of weeds and invasive plants using goats and that Open Space SCC might have matching funds available. The representative from the District 6 office confirmed that he has seen this solutions be successful in other municipalities.

A motion was proposed to implement a policy to approve letters or presentations as follows: "In urgent situations, the president or his or her designate may write a letter or take a stand at a public meeting as a representative of SAVE OUR TRAILS, if said stand or letter is in strict accord with the organization's mission statement. The Board Members shall be informed by email of the proposed letter or stand\_with this policy included, and if two or more Board Members object in writing within 48 hours, the letter may not be sent and the position may not be taken without majority approval after discussion at a Board meeting." Motion was passed by a vote of 5 ayes and one nay.

Martin asked if a board member would be willing to be vice president. Joan volunteered. Motion to appoint Joan as Vice President passed with a vote of 5 ayes and one abstention.

The board discussed changing the policy for expenditures to allow \$100 without board approval. Joan and Martin will rework their proposal.

Larry Ames reported on issues related to the juncture of the Three Creeks Trail, Coyote Creek Trail, and the Five Wounds trail in the area of Kelly Park and Senter Road. Richard Silva reported that the area between Alma and Humboldt next to Senter is owned by San Jose State University, and will be developed into the San Jose State Spartan Golf Center Project. The railroad right of way will not be impinged, so may not be an issue for the trail. In addition there is concern that a storage facility may be build on the empty triangle field

south of San Jose Municipal Stadium, next to Senter Road. The board concluded that we should invite Yves Zsutty to the next meeting, and would continue to collect more information.

Larry Ames reports that VivaCalleSJ (<http://vivacallesj.org/>) will be on the same day as the Willow Glen Founders Day parade and festival on September 18, 2016 and it was suggested that Save Our Trails have a booth or other presence at the event. Larry also reported on the Los Gatos Creek Bridge, and the next High Speed Rail meeting which is on June 6, 2016 at 6pm at the Gardner Community Center. Larry reported that he is involved in several projects related to the history of Silicon Valley. Finally, the policy on riparian offsets is before the planning commission this Wednesday, and will later go to the city council.

Devereaux Kesler, the representative of the district 6 office, reported on events occurring during the summer in our district, including Jazz on 8 July, Opera on 10 July, and Shakespeare in the park for 3 weekends in June including June 10-26.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, July 18, 2015, at 7:00 pm, at the Willow Glen Library community room.