

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Board Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018

Willow Glen Public Library

1157 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

Administration

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. Since Bill Rankin was away, Bruce Victorine acted as chair.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Heather Lerner, Jack Nadeau, Bruce Victorine, Richard Silva, Tom Schaefer. (Six Board Members are required for a quorum, so a quorum was not constituted.)

Directors Absent: Joan Bohnett, Domingo Candelas, Mike Flaughner, Laura Levin, Bill Rankin, Bertha Ward

Visitors: Larry Ames (member), Martin Delson (member), Phil Fernandez (representing the office of San Jose City Council member Dev Davis), Janice Rambeck (representing the office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese).

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Not discussed in the absence of a quorum.

Officers' Reports

President's Report

None

Vice-President's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

None

Secretary's Report

None.

Discussions

1. Updates on the SAAG meetings

Larry Ames and Martin Delson reported on progress at the Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG) meetings concerning the proposed Google development adjacent to Diridon Station and its impact on the Los Gatos Creek Trail. They reported a high level of support for the concept of daylighting the Creek

and bringing the Trail through the area along the creek rather than along the street. However the issue of how the reconstruction will be financed is still not addressed.

2. Three Creeks Trail celebration

Phil Fernandez of the office of San Jose Council District 6 confirmed that the opening will be on Saturday, June 9th. However a time and place for the meeting has not yet been determined. Phil said that Nohely Izquierdo of his office will inform SOT as soon as details are finalized.

SOT will plan to set up a table at the event.

Martin said that he would provide Bill and Bruce with a list of individuals with contact information who they might consider for inviting to the celebration. Tom will pass the information on to Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail

3. Dog poop bags

The vote to pay for poop bags was deferred in the absence of a quorum.

Phil Fernandez said the city had a number of bag dispensers in storage. The city will install these at critical locations along the trail, along with garbage bins for the disposal of the bags.

Phil said he would inform SOT of the language for dispenser signs used at other locations. SOT will add a line indicating that the bags are being supplied by Save Our Trails.

4. Discuss fulfilling the commitment to keep the trail clean

Martin said that if SOT organizes a group to clean the trail, he would volunteer to do one section.

5. Assign a volunteer to perform essential secretarial duties

Martin said he anticipated that family obligations will not permit him to attend many of the upcoming meetings, and it is essential that SOT assign someone to perform the duties of Secretary.

6. Report on Stevens Creek Trail

New Board Member Tom Schaefer reported on the history of the construction of the Stevens Creek Trail, and of the issues involved in closing the 3.5 mile gap between the southern end in Sunnyvale and its continuation in Cupertino. A creekside extension to Fremont Avenue seems likely to be supported, and the current recommendation is for a further extension along the CA-85 sound wall between Fremont and Homestead. Further south presents the most difficulties. There are many residents, he reports, who strongly object to bringing the trail through their neighborhoods.

Rich Silva speculated about the possibility of covering over the freeway to provide land for a trail and other uses.

7. Outreach to increase support

Rich Silva stressed the need for SOT to increase membership and support.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7pm at the Willow Glen Library community room.