



**SAVE OUR TRAILS
Board Meeting
Willow Glen Baptist Church
May 9, 2011 7:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome to new Board Members and visitors.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 11, 2011

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- a. President's report
- b. Treasurer's report
- c. Acting-Secretary's report
- d. Attorney's report

CURRENT ISSUES

- a.

DEFERRED ISSUES

- a. Automatically making Associate Members of all individuals on the gmail mailing list, after writing to them and offering them an opt-out option. (Martin)
- b. Establishing a Wiki-like bulletin board on the web for trail users to real-time post information about trail conditions (flooding, tree down, trail re-openings, etc.) (Martin and Mary Ellen)
- c. Volunteer sought for sending out meeting announcements (Mary Ellen)

NEW ISSUES

- a. Establish a work force to work with San Jose Parks & Recreation to install reflective tape on bollards at trail entrances. (Martin)

- b. Sign/Banner for outreach events – Time estimate 10min (Rick)
 - Confirm the logo to be used
 - Submit options on style and price
 - Obtain approval to proceed depending on above
- c. Outreach calendar events – Time estimate 10min (Rick)
 - Review options for calendar events
 - Poll for volunteers to assess availability for calendar options
- d. Consider adding SOT to the list of Partners of the San Jose Parks Foundation (Jack)
- e. Should SOT apply for a Greenways Grant? (See Appendix, below.) If so, in what amount? Who should write the grant application? What review process is needed for the grant application, given the short timeframe? (Taisia, supplemented by Martin)
- f. Discussion about the motion that allows Rich to be the Secretary and Martin to continue with the duties. (*"I think a review of the by-laws is important. Specifically, what do they say about who can be on the Board email list?"* -Taisia)

Appendix

Greenways Grant Application

[Eastman Kodak Company](#), The Conservation Fund and the [National Geographic Society](#) team up each year to present the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program.

One major element of the Program involves “seed” grant awards to organizations that are growing our nation's network of greenways, blueways, trails and natural areas.

For 2011, the Program anticipates awarding up to fifty percent of the grants to those greenways projects that demonstrate the convergence of economic prosperity and the environment. The vitality of a community depends not only on its economic prospects but also on the quality of its natural environment and outdoor recreational space. Previous recipients have undertaken projects that included the design of a water trail and tourism guide in Columbia, NC; the conversion of an abandoned rail line into a multi-use public trail along the historic Mission Zanja irrigation canal; planting flowers along a community trail to brighten an impoverished neighborhood of Los Angeles; and creating a county-wide greenway and tourism plan in Joe Daviess County, IL. [Learn more](#) about some of the 2010 grant recipients.

This year's application deadline is June 15th. Most grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. The maximum grant is \$2,500.