

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Save Our Trails Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2012

Willow Glen Baptist Church

ADMINISTRATION

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Joan Bohnett, Martin Delson, Roland LeBrun, Taisia McMahon, Jack Nadeau, Mary Ellen Petrich, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva (making a quorum).

Directors Absent

Rick Hernandez , Lars Thurfjell

Directors on Leave

Shirley Rogers

Members in Attendance

Larry Ames, Jake Jacobson, Barbara Keegan, Bruce Tichinin

Visitors in Attendance

Frances Reyes, of the office of Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio.

Minutes Approved

The minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2011 were accepted by a vote of 6-0 with 2 abstentions.

Excused Absences

N/A

CHANGES TO AGENDA

At Taisia's request, several issues were deferred to allow the Open Session to be completed within 30 minutes to allow a full 90 minutes for the Closed Session.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Taisia reported, to general applause, that City has now officially announced in a Press Release the close of escrow on the purchase of the Western Alignment of the Three Creeks Trail.

Vice-President's Report

Bill reported that he walked the length of the Western Alignment and noted some graffiti, some trash, and some cars parked on the north end of the Alignment, between the trestle and Lonus Ave. There was a general agreement that we should organize a clean-up of the Alignment. Frances Reyes, of Councilmember Oliverio's office, said she would ask Code Enforcement to look into the illegal parking situation.

Treasurer's Report

N/A

Secretary's Report

Martin said that sent a letter to the SCVWD commenting on their document titled "*Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Blue Ribbon Forum*" and expressing SOT's disappointment that, among the many projects described, there is no mention of providing rights-of-way for new trails along waterway projects, nor any allocation of funds for trail construction. He attended a Water District meeting on December 20th planning to speak on this subject, but found a pension issue ahead of him on the agenda with dozens of speakers lined up, so didn't stay to make his presentation.

Martin also reported having backed up the Secretary's files with the Treasurer.

Attorney's Report

N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

Deferred Issues

a) Policy on resignations

Joan proposed the following Policy:

When a Board Member chooses to resign from the Board of Directors, he or she shall send written notice to the President with a cc to the Board. The Board shall accept the resignation at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Board shall follow Bylaw Article V Section 3 and Article VI Sections 4(a) and (b) in order to fill the vacancy.

The Policy was adopted by a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention.

New Issues

a) Presentation by Barbara Keegan

Barbara Keegan is a member of SOT and a candidate for the Board of the SCVWD from District 2. She was granted five minutes to speak about her qualifications for that position and about issues in front of the Water District.

b) Access to Membership List

In order for the Nominating Committee to be able to do its job more effectively, a motion was made to allow the NC to have access to and be granted permission to use the membership file, with the understanding that they would respect the proprietary nature of that list. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0 with 1 abstention.

c) Non-endorsement of candidates

Bruce raised the question of whether SOT should endorse any candidates for political office. There was a general agreement that doing so would be inappropriate and might be counter-productive. A motion was made to adopt as policy that SOT does not endorse any candidates for political office. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Treatment of Action Items in Agenda and Minutes

Some members expressed dissatisfaction with having the list of open action items included with the Agenda and with the Minutes. It was generally agreed to try a new way of keeping these items before the group:

- Include only a list of the new Action Items with the Minutes.
- Send the full list of open Action Items to Board Members as a separate file at the time the agenda of the next meeting is distributed.

Closed Session

Associate members were asked to leave. The Board went into closed session to discuss several issues of strategic nature. No action was taken as a result of these discussions.

New Action Items

No.	Date	Who	Action	Due
42	1/9/12	Bruce	Ask Yves for an updated list of all parcels along Three Creeks Trail-ROW. If he cannot provide it, ask Martin to do so.	2/13
43	1/9/12	Mary Ellen	Schedule use of church basement for General Meeting	2/13

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, February 13th, at 7:00 pm. The first part of the meeting will be open, after which we will go into closed session to consider an issue of strategic planning.