

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Save Our Trails Meeting

Monday, November 12, 2012

Willow Glen Baptist Church

ADMINISTRATION

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Corinne Asturias, Joan Bohnett, Martin Delson, Jake Jacobson, Scott Lane, Roland LeBrun, Jack Nadeau, Mary Ellen Petrich, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva (making a quorum).

Directors Absent

Taisia McMahan, Lars Thurfjell (on leave)

Members in Attendance

Barbara Keegan, Helen Chapman, Bruce Tichinin

Visitors in Attendance

Alice Kaufman of the Committee for Green Foothills

Minutes Approved

The draft minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2012 were accepted as revised.

Excused Absences

N/A

Recognition of Barbara Keegan

Members of the Board congratulated Barbara Keegan on her election to the Board of the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee

The previously scheduled meeting of the committee to discuss policy issues was postponed. Joan surveyed the committee members to find an acceptable date for a new meeting. The members agreed on meeting on Monday December 3rd at Joan's house at 6:30 pm. Pizza will be ordered in. Jake Jacobson volunteered to order.

Liaison with the Stevens Creek Trail Study Group

The Board approved having Tom Schaefer send his messages directly to the Board (without monitoring) to report on developments on the Stevens Creek Trail Study Group and the Stevens Creek Trail Citizens Working Group (CWG).

CURRENT ISSUES

The Board needed to decide on two related issues: (a) should the Board take a position with respect to the County Board of Supervisors' (BoS) upcoming vote on the use of the Stanford University mitigation funds; and (b) if so, what recommendations should we make?

Martin presented an outline of the fifteen proposed projects that the BoS will consider. Our visitor, Alice Kaufman of the Committee for Green Foothills (CGF), who has been concerned with the issue for over ten years, gave the Board a brief history, and told the Board what projects CGF had recommended, and the reasons. Martin added what the recommendations were of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC), and presented his own rating of the relative priorities of each of the projects on a scale of 1-5.

The motion was made that SOT take a position and communicate it to the BoS. The motion carried by a vote of 8-1 with 1 abstention.

Corrine suggested that we recommend to the BoS that a pool of money be kept in reserve for projects that may be proposed in the future. Martin and Alice concurred that that suggestion probably would not be well received, since the money has been allocated for over ten years and the BoS almost certainly will want to close the issue now.

Jake moved that SOT support the five projects that were proposed by the City of Palo Alto. This motion failed by a vote of 2-6 (2 abstentions.)

Martin moved that SOT recommend to the BoS the five projects that received a rating of 1, 2, or 3 in his prioritization; however, since the total cost of all projects would exceed the \$10.4 available, that we recommend that only that portion of the Stanford Perimeter Trail project that consists of new trail construction be supported by the mitigation funds. It was noted that such a recommendation would align to a great extent with the recommendations of CGF and the SVBC. This motion passed by a vote of 8-1 (1 abstention.)

Martin asked whether the Board would allow him to send the letter to the BoS on his own. The consensus was that he should submit a draft letter for the Board's approval before sending it. Martin also asked whether the Board would authorize him to speak on behalf of SOT at the BoS meeting. The motion was made, and approved by a vote of 8-1 (1 abstention.)

STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS

Not addressed at this meeting.

NEW ISSUES

1. Handling reimbursements if the Treasurer is not present.
Mary Ellen indicated that if the Treasurer is not available, any officer can go to the credit union and draw money out. (It should be noted though that SOT policy requires the signature of two officers on any disbursement.)
2. Sales price of T-shirts sent by mail.
Roland suggested that \$5 be added to the cost of any T-shirt purchased when SOT mails the shirt by mail. However, the special price of \$20 for T-shirt plus membership would be kept even when the T-shirt is sent by mail. No action was taken.
3. Advertising T-shirts on the SOT web page.
Mary Ellen said that she would set up a mechanism for visitors to buy T-shirts from the web page.
4. Report on the number of T-shirts left and the income their sale generated.
41 T-shirts remain, and a total of \$216 was generated by their sale. Some T-shirts appear to be missing. (*Note, Taisia subsequently indicated that she had 20 more T-shirts in a different box at her house.*)
5. Report on the Day on the Bay
Bill and Scott reported that they thought our presence there was worthwhile. They gave away several cards and brochures with information about the organization. However, no new memberships can be attributed to our participation in the event. We agreed to evaluate whether or not to participate in next year's event at the appropriate time.
6. Planning for the Board of Supervisors meeting on 11/20/2012
Along with the consideration of the disposition of the Stanford mitigation funds, Roland predicted that an allocation of money for the purchase of land for the Five Wounds Trail would be placed on the agenda of that meeting.
7. Announcement about the EIR for the Dumbarton Rail connection.
Roland said that the EIR was not considering a tunnel as an alternative route. Also, the Alameda County transportation sales tax issue did not pass in the November 6th election, making near-term implementation of this transportation link highly unlikely.

8. New date for meeting

Bruce relayed a message from Taisia, whereby Taisia said that her work schedule made it impossible for her to continue to attend meetings on Monday. The Board will consider alternate meeting days. Taisia will check with the church regarding when they have a meeting room available, and Mary Ellen will set up a survey monkey to survey the Board members regarding which alternate would be most convenient.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

No.	Date	Who	Action	Due
99	11/12/12	Joan	Send "get well" card to John Fernandez	11/15/12
1000	11/12/12	Martin	Revise letter to BoS and send to Board for vote	11/13/12
101	11/12/12	Martin	If Board so votes, send letter to BoS; cc Helen Chapman	11/16/12
102	11/12/12	Taisia	Find out day of week and week of month when Church is available	11/16/12
103	11/12/12	Mary Ellen	Set up survey monkey to survey Board for acceptable dates of	11/16/12
104	11/12/12	Mary Ellen	Add Tom Schaefer to list of those who can email Board directly	11/15/12
105	11/12/12	Mary Ellen	Set up form to allow visitors to order T-shirts from the web page	11/30/12
106	11/12/12	Bill	Inform Mollie of 4/20/13 as next date of Three Creeks Trail clean-	11/30/12

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, December 10th, at 7:00 pm.