

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Board Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2014

Dwell Christian Church

1292 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Joan Bohnett, Martin Delson, Jack Nadeau, Mary-Ellen Petrich, Bill Rankin making a quorum.

Directors Absent: Richard Silva (excused), Bertha Ward (excused)

Members in Attendance: Larry Ames

Visitors in Attendance: Phil of Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio's office

Invited Speakers: None

Minutes

Minutes of 5/19 were approved by a vote of 3-0 with two abstentions.

REPORTS

Guest Report

Before the formal meeting began, there was a discussion of the issue of daylighting the Los Gatos Creek so the Los Gatos Creek Trail would not have to cross Montgomery Street and Park Avenue at grade level. Larry Ames passed around to the attendees copies of correspondence from him and from the Sierra Club to San José City Council on the issue.

During the discussion, Board members urged Phil to convey to Councilmember Oliverio the sentiment of the Board that the Los Gatos Creek should be liberated from the culvert at that intersection, and that the Master Plan for the Los Gatos Creek Trail (which calls for grade level crossings) should not be permitted to supersede the Diridon Station Area Plan (which calls for overcrossings or undercrossings of the Trail at five designated cross-streets.)

Regarding the issue of the trestle over the Los Gatos Creek at the northern end of the Three Creeks Trail, Larry informed the Board that the judge who heard the lawsuit initiated by *Friends of the Willow Glen Trestle* issued an injunction that temporarily prevents the City from tearing down the trestle. A full hearing is scheduled for July 18th.

President's Report

Bill reported that he will meet with Santa Clara Supervisor Chavez (district 2) and others. It was noted that there is a lack of county parks in this district.

NEW ISSUES

The issue of what to do with email problems was deferred. Our e-list software was updated to include a way to avoid the Yahoo/AOL problem.

The board completed a discussion about suggestions made at the annual meeting:

Interim Signage for the Trail: There already is signage for the trail.

Survey Membership: There was general interest in the group. Joan offered to create a list.

Outreach: The board had a general discussion. Should we narrow our mission? Should we broaden our board to other parts of the county? How do we stay in contact with other organizations? Should we restart Larry’s trail group?

VTA/JPA: Jack will consider attending the regular VTA BPAC meetings.

Recycle trash for cash: No board member was motivated to act on this.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, July 21, at 7:00 pm, at Dwell Memorial Church.

No.	Date	Who	Action	Due
225	6/16/14	?	Bring in a mid-year speaker	9/2014
226	6/16	Joan	Survey membership	8/2014
227	6/16	Jack	Attend VTA BPAC meetings	On-going