

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes
Board Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2014
Dwell Christian Church
1292 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

ADMINISTRATION

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

Joan Bohnett requested a leave of absence for September and October.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Richard Silva, Martin Delson, Jack Nadeau, MaryEllen Petrich, Bill Rankin (quorum)

Directors Absent: Joan Bohnett (leave of absence), Bertha Ward (excused)

Members in Attendance: Larry Ames, Kathryn Mathewson (Landscape Architect)

Visitors in Attendance: Representative from Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio's office, Rachel Rayes.

Invited Speakers: None

Minutes

Minutes of 8/18 were approved.

REPORTS

Guest Report

Kathryn Mathewson reported on the state of parks and trails and how reducing the parks fees for downtown developers will affect parks and trails.

Larry Ames reported on a cleanup under the Willow Glen Spur trestle lead by Steve Holmes of Friends of the Los Gatos Creek that generated 50 bags of trash. The board discussed the practical details of organizing the cleanup, and who to contact to get trash picked up.

Larry discussed the two trestles in San Jose and the status of those.

The D6 Neighborhood Leaders Group meeting is held in months that have a 5th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is at the Rose Garden Library on 9/30 at 6pm for meet and greet, and 6:30pm for the meeting. Everyone is welcome. This month there will be a guest speaker from the police department to talk about community service officers.

Board reports and votes

Larry Ames announced that the district 6 mayoral debate will be at the Starlight Ballroom, Oct 2.

Dwell Christian Church has contacted us to let us know that our meeting room will change to a different room starting in November. Our new meeting space will be in a different building and will require climbing a flight of stairs which may be a problem. Martin will work with Larry Ames to explore using Willow Glen Library. [AI 244]

Day on the Bay October 12. Mary-Ellen offered to work the booth with Bill. [AI 235]

Fold n go. Bill found one for \$60. Other meeting attendees suggested going to a teacher supply store. [AI 241]

Jack reported on the VTA BPAC meeting of 9/10. At the meeting, it was announced that there is a trail on private property in Morgan Hill that residents would like to see developed into a public trail.

Martin discussed options for tax exempt status. One advantage is that it would be easier to get grants that are only for 501c3 organizations; also our members could make tax deductible donations to us without going through the San Jose Parks' Foundation. Martin will investigate whether a 501c3 organization can be involved in lobbying, and the definition of same. [AI 242]

Trail count Wed Sept 24 2014. If you can help, please email mollie.tobias@sanjoseca.gov for details on locations and times. We are managing the 3CT count. Bill will work in the afternoon and Martin will work in the morning for the 3CT.

This year, **Coastal Cleanup Day** will be held on **Saturday, September, 20th, 2014 from 9am-noon**. CCHC is hosting one of 47 Santa Clara County sites to prevent trash from reaching the bay and beaches. CCHC will be at the intersection of Phelan Avenue and Roberts Avenue. For more information visit the [Eventbrite](#) page. For more info on other cleanups, visit the Creek Connections Action Group [website](#).

Bill reported on the Parks and Recreation commission meeting of 9/3 at 5:30pm. The commission was did not seem supportive of this change to Parkland fees in downtown San Jose, but did not vote.

The draft master plan for the Three Creeks Trail will be presented to the planning commission on Oct 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, October 20, at 7:00 pm, at Dwell Memorial Church.

ACTION ITEMS

#	Date	Who	Action	Due
237	8/18/14	Bill	Find a speaker about Licardo's park fund plan	9/15/14
238	8/18/14	Bill	Ask Molly about a different date for a cleanup	9/15/14
239	8/18/14	Bill	Contact Yves, Molly, Heather for suggestions	9/15/14
241	8/18/14	Bill	Price of fold-&-go	9/15/14
242	8/18/14	Martin	Research 501c3 limitations on lobbying	9/15/14
244	9/15/14	Martin	Talk to Jean at the WG Library about meeting there	10/20/14