

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Board Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2017

Willow Glen Public Library

1157 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Joan Bohnett, Martin Delson, Mike Flaucher, Laura Levin, Jack Nadeau, M.E. Petrich, Bill Rankin, Bruce Victorine, Richard Silva (quorum).

Directors Absent: Domingo Candelas, Bertha Ward, Heather Learner.

Visitors: Larry Ames, Randy & Barbara Hagan, Gina America.

Minutes

Minutes for May 2017 were discussed and not approved.

President's Report

None

Vice-President's Report

Joan reminded us that the vice-president report should be on the agenda.

The Ridge Trail event will be coming up.

Day on the Bay is coming up on the 8th of October.

Viva Calle is scheduled for September 17.

Treasurer's Report

None

New Issues

Randy & Barbara Hagan discussed the work they have done in cleaning up the County Creek trail near the Los Lagos golf course. They discussed their experiences cleaning up the trail and their interactions with the city of San Jose and the support they've gotten from the Los Lagos golf course.

The Board discussed their enthusiasm for freeing the Los Gatos Creek from its culvert under Bird Avenue. This would allow the trail to be extended near the creek, and not along sidewalks and crosswalks in the area. SOT has written a letter to Kim Welsh, and met with the SCVWD. Changes in infrastructure associated with the future development in this area may result in possible opportunities for freeing the creek from its culvert.

The board discussed Senator Beall's plan for exchanging water company land for an extension of the LGC trail into the hills. Bill SB492 would authorize the San Jose Water Company to sell lands in the Upper Guadalupe watershed, including the Los Gatos Creek and Saratoga Creek watersheds, to the Midpeninsula Regional Space District until January 1, 2023. This would make it possible to extend the Los Gatos Creek Trail into the mountains, and link it with the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

Insurance broker Warren Wettenstein presented information about having Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance for the board.

The board discussed a donation that was received from "Greater Palm Haven NA".

The water district (SCVWD) has reached out to SOT to generate interest in public input regarding trail access along creek and river areas at their Board Meeting of 8/8. Martin offered to monitor information about the meeting. The board voted unanimously to allow a member of the board to speak at that meeting supporting public access to trails on land controlled by the water district.

Bill reminded the board about the August 6 Coyote Meadows Walking Tour. Larry Ames is one of the coordinators of this event. The Coyote Meadows Coalition is comprised of groups and individuals focused on opening up and activating for parkland a 50-acre city-owned parcel along Coyote Creek between Story Road and Hwy 280. The Coyote Creek Trail runs along the western edge of the area, the future Five Wounds Trail will run through the middle, while Three Creeks Trail will enter the park from Senter Rd. <http://coyotemeadowssj.org/>

Mike Flaughter discussed updates concerning the Mt. Um opening.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, Sept 18, 2017, at 7:00 pm, at the Willow Glen Library community room.