

# Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Board Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2019

Willow Glen Public Library

1157 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

## Administration

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

## Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Joan Bohnett, Jack Nadeau, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva, Tom Schaefer, Mike Flaughner, Bruce Victorine, Laura Levin, Heather Lerner, Katt Clark constituting a quorum.

Directors Absent: Domingo Candelas, Bertha Ward,

Visitors: Melissa Hippard – Nominating Committee

## Introductions

Bill welcomed the visitors to the meeting

## Minutes

The Board approved by unanimous vote the Minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2019

## Announcements

No announcements or change to agenda

## Officers' Reports

### President's Report

1. Spoke with Yves about County Creek Trail – near Kelley Park/Coyote Meadows
  - Discussion of a bridge (Story Road)
  - Alli might want to talk with Mia Esparza regarding the bridge
2. Spoke with Jim Bell, regarding the recent city grant that SOT missed this round.
  - Would be helpful to get local money, local additions, VTA/county input
3. Beth Tidwell now in charge of trails with the City, as Yves was promoted.

### Vice-President's Report

Nothing to report

### Treasurer's Report

Laura Levin reported that SOT taxes will need to be completed.

## Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

## Current Issues

1. Richard Silva would still like to run for the Board, as previously stated in January
2. Larry Ames, of the Nominating Committee sent emails to the following, inviting them to run again, and they confirmed:
  - a. Joan Bohnett
  - b. Mike Flaughner
  - c. Heather Lerner
  - d. Bruce Victorine
  - e. Laura Levin
  - f. Jack Nadeau
  - g. Richard Silva and Bertha Ward were sent letters asking them not to run for the Board
3. There would like to be a discussion in future meetings to discuss terms/elections
4. Due to not having Annual Elections at normal March meeting, discussion about when election and giving members 30 notice can take place due to vacations and scheduling conflicts
5. Richard asked if others were sent retirement letters or if it was just himself and Bertha. Melissa confirmed it was just him and Bertha.
  - a. Richard felt that the letter was offensive
  - b. Bill noted that Bill was not a strong Board member and was his preference for him not to be on the Board
  - c. Melissa noted that letters were respectfully asking those like Bertha who's missed so many meetings not continue to be on the Board
  - d. Heather remarked Dick often takes meetings off course, tried to explain why Nominating Committee asked him to step away from the Board
  - e. Richard asked that the tally of who got what vote during the election was made public, to which it was noted that it was kept as a 'numbers only' tally
6. The processes and voting procedures along with the By-Laws need to be revisited; to clarify in writing how elections should be run, how meetings should be organized
7. Motion by Bruce to approve new Slate given by Melissa of the Nominating Committee; Mike seconded, all agreed, no obstains
8. Richard asks to be put on the ballot (self-nominated), Joan seconds
  - a. Yes: Joan, Dick, Jack and Bill
  - b. No: Bruce, Heather, Mike, Katt, Tom and Laura
  - c. Richard will not be on the ballot for the election (determined to be April 22, 2019)
9. Discussion on format of upcoming Annual Meeting

- a. Bill spoke to several local businesses, such as Google, to have them speak about their environmental work in preparation for building downtown
- b. Heather suggested having a low-key business meeting, with little fanfare, for the elections
- c. Jack to see if room is available for date in April, several other idea were presented as alternatives

10. Three Creeks Trail

- a. Weeding needs to be done
- b. Plan to schedule a cleanup
- c. Will need to work with Molly Tobias

11. OuterSpatial App

- a. County Parks has data currently in the app
- b. Clearly see that no trails are listed for San Jose
- c. If SOT can come up with \$750, SJ could come up with the rest, data would be entered into the system
- d. Ryan of OuterSpatial can come to speak to the Board and the Board should introduce him to Dev
- e. Joan stated she would like to have more trail personnel at the meetings

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting of the Board and elections will be the April 22, 2019 at 7pm at the Willow Glen Library community room.