

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Board Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2019

Willow Glen Public Library

1157 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

Administration

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Bill Rankin, Tom Schaefer, Mike Flaughner, Bruce Victorine, Laura Levin, Katt Clark, Heather Lerner

Directors Absent: Domingo Candelas, Bertha Ward, Jack Nadeau, Joan Bohnett

Visitors: Larry Ames (member), Richard Silva (member), Elliott (Last name?), Tray Gray of Councilmember Dev Davis' office

Introductions

Bill welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and all present gave a brief introduction.

Minutes

Minutes from last meeting passed out for review

Announcements

Heather Lerner: What is holding up trail development? The trestle isn't standing in the way of progress. Excuses are being made, lots of trails can be worked on. Meridian to Lincoln, south of Minnesota, gate to the neighborhood. Perhaps District 6 can champion?

Activate SJ vs Green Print?

Los Gatos Creek Trail, to Meridian, trail open? Green Print Committee, what can they do?

Dave Cortese possible champion? Coyote Meadows, a county purchase?

Mike Flaughner suggestion of going through the County advocates instead of the city. Perhaps Sherise Orange, Melissa Hibbard

*Who is the SJ City Planner working on trails, it used to be Yves

Turnover with local elections possible next election

*Bill proposes to write a letter to Councilmember Dev Davis

*Need to look into SurveyMonkey or Google Docs to survey members

*Plan to strategize for getting things done/move forward

Officers' Reports

President's Report

- OSA meeting, Mid Peninsula, 9/17. Trail connection over Hwy 17m Rudge Trail
- Cupertino Regnart Trail vote, 9/17, Bill to attend and speak
 - Issue was pushed from July to September
 - Without Mayor, 2-2 vote

Vice-President's Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

Laura Levin reported that SOT tax exempt status request was received by the IRS/FTB. Laura worked very hard on getting the reinstatement status. Filled in all the paperwork for 6 years of backup to catch up

Secretary's Report

Has some concerns about working only being done in Willow Glen, need more Santa Clara County representation.

Instagram is updated

Current Issues

1. Three Creeks Trail Cleanup: Molly Tobias mentioned possible cleanup (need releases). Heather open to weeding on Tuesday evenings. End of September cleanup too soon. Proposed dates of 10/5-6, 12/13
2. Trail Count: Laura and Bruce helped. Molly Tobias was present, Bruce asked about tools. City to provide everything that's needed
3. Google plan for the trail, plan out to the public. Larry to look for it and to forward on once it's published. Google not interested in 'daylighting' creek
4. Clearance discrepancy: Larry wants to know why it's a 14' clearance in San Jose and Castro only has an 8' clearance
5. Membership should know current activity, webpage infrastructure needs to be updated
6. Possible Google calendar for SOT, Katt to look into once infrastructure is figured out
7. Viva Calle – 9/22
 - a. Bruce to be at Guadalupe River Park, Alie might be at KCCB. Deb Kramer needs to find out where the table will be. Bill to bring posters, etc. Mike to be at Backesto Park, for the Ridge Trail booth
8. Voting:
 - a. Joan leave of absence: Mike moved, Heather seconded, all in favor
 - b. Dues raised from \$15 to \$20: Mike moved, Heather seconded, all in favor
 - c. Minutes: Bruce moved, Laura seconded, all in favor
9. Dean Stanford – Alviso trails/ebikes
 - a. This trail is not a through trail, only passive recreation. He would like our support
 - b. Need to table to read the whole proposal
 - c. Larry to send master plan for the original plan for the area

10. Mike spoke about upcoming events with the Ridge Trail

- a. The opening of the BART station sometime in December. There will be VIPs, events, tours. Can only do so much without an actual date of opening
- b. Phillip Watkins, formerly of REI, events manager. Liz Westbrook, need more planning
- c. Frank Consula, concurrent with trails and Art Festival, Labor Day Car Show. Berryessa Community Center/Penitencia Creek. \$5,000 to use the trail during an event. Ridge Trail event on May 9, which takes 6 months to organize is the only event on the Ridge Trail
- d. Bay Open Roads: let's have more. Ed Levin, BART from Milpitas. 35 miles, from Mission San Jose, up Mission Peak to Ed Levin, all curated trails
- e. Piedmont city sidewalks: Milpitas convinced they are part of the Ridge Trail
- f. Independence HS to adopt park gardens. Heather said we need to utilize the Scouts more for their ongoing stewardship badge/merit work

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7pm at the Willow Glen Library community room.