

April 14, 2010 – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Friends of Sausal Creek, A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

Attending Board Members: *Carl Kohnert, Paul Frank, Kristin Ohlson, Eleanor Dunn, Eddie Dunbar, Sean Welch, Richard Kauffman, Mark Rauzon, Helen McKinley, Wade Woodfill*

Staff: *Kimra McAfee*

Guests: *Lin Barron (Friends of Montclair RR Trail), Camille Nowell (Women's Environmental Network), Karen Paulsell, Ralph Kanz*

Call to Order – President Carl Kohnert called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes – March 10, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: (A) *Education* – (1) Eddie Dunbar discussed the concept (“Shoot the Shed”) of photographing flora and fauna in the watershed with photos to be posted on the FOSC web site and will coordinate for May 22, 2010, event; (2) Kimra has sent an email late today about a volunteer tracking module being developed by Tech Liminal for our use in tracking volunteer hours; (B) *Fundraising* - There have been no Committee meetings, however Carl has attended two courses at the SF Foundation (Your Board and Fundraising, and Developing a Fundraising Plan) and a meeting is set with St. Paul's Towers as the venue; (C) *Nursery* – There is still a delay waiting for parts before the City's electrical work is completed, but we still expect this work to be completed soon; (D) *Restoration* – (1) The Demo Garden project is winding up with the plans to complete work under the Coastal Conservancy grant, to be accomplished in part on the workday set for Earth Day; (2) There was a discussion among the members and guests about how to best embrace and work with all the areas and groups within the watershed.

President's Report: *Sausal Creek Watershed Management Plan:* The Board's initial assessment of the Plan was fully discussed and the consensus was that we have some very useful information within the report. The Board discussed how to get it on the web (technically, as the files are quite large), and plans to present it at a Member meeting were explored. Additionally, the Board discussed the setting of priorities for the recommendations in the Plan. A committee was set to oversee placement of the Report on the Website and to prepare for the Member meeting presentation for the September member meeting.

Executive Director's Report: (A) *Grants* – (1) Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program Educational Services – could provide education funding for the next 4 years; (Karen noted that there are volunteer docents available and will pass contact names to

Kimra) (B) *Projects* – (1) Beaconsfield Canyon – a draft restoration plan design for the Canyon has been developed and a meeting held to discuss details in preparation for getting grant funds to support the work; the Board discussed aspects of the design and the implementation of the plan; (2) Pallid Manzanitas – a meeting with Chabot has been set for April 22; (C) *Board Member Support* – (1) Earth Day – logistics for Earth Day were discussed; (2) Fundraising – Foundation Online research; (D) *Key Issues for the Month* – (1) Oaktown Nursery space; (2) Nursery Ribbon Cutting; (3) July and September Meeting Meetings.

Calendar Review and Discussion:

Upcoming Events: Earth Day –April 17
Bird Monitoring – April 24
Nursery Workday – April 24
Friends of Joaquin Miller Park – Annual Meeting – April 25
Shepherd Canyon workday – May 1
Nursery Workday – May 1
Wood Park Cleanup and Potluck – May 8

Closed Session

Adjourn – The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next meeting will be held May 12, 2010.