

## **April 13, 2011 – 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, Sarah Nathe, Paul Frank, Mark Rauzon, Bob Roat, Richard Kauffman, Sean Welch, Eleanor Dunn, Helen McKinley

Executive Director: Kimra McAfee

Guests: Kathleen Harris, Shirley Knight, Karen Paulsell

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Minutes – The minutes from the March meeting were accepted with minor edits.

Community Outreach and Education Committee – Kathleen Harris has created a library display at the Dimond Library and is planning to prepare another in November focused on the Wellington Street Project, as well as investigating other community library locations as possibilities. Kathleen tabled at Holy Names University on March 19, Sarah Nathe tabled at the Dimond Improvement Association meeting on April 6, and Kathleen and intern Adrian Peer tabled in downtown Oakland at the April 13 Earth EXPO event.

Restoration Committee – Karen Paulsell reported on two hikes that were undertaken to review potential storm water retention basins and areas where erosion and landslide problems have occurred. Several more hikes are planned and a set of recommendations and priorities will be developed using the information.

Nursery Committee – Tables have mostly been completed and most of the work is completed.

Fundraising Committee – (a) The Board discussed the timing of the midyear appeal and Kimra reported on the recommendations provided by Greg Lassonde. The Committee will focus on this effort as soon as possible after Earth Day. (b) Legacy giving, endowments, and policy options were discussed. A Board resolution is being developed and next steps relative to outreach were discussed. (c) Grant proposals submitted are \$9,920 to the Rose Foundation, and \$7,000 to the JiJi Foundation to get monitoring of the pallids going.

Executive Director's Report – (a) EBMUD WaterSmart Garden Grant reimbursement funding was received; (b) a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) to support FOSC's work with the Sausal Creek Dimond Park Restoration Project has been submitted to the Regional Board for EBMUD's consideration during settlement hearings for the August 2010 fish kill; (c) the City of Oakland will work on FOSC's contract for native plants for the Sausal Creek Dimond Park Restoration Project (Wellington) after Earth Day; (d) Oakland Museum to present a collaboration proposal for our review next week; (e) Board Member support and Calendar updates: April 16 Earth Day refreshments & other logistics; FOJMP Annual Meeting May 21 at the Horseshoe Picnic Area – need walk leader and tabler.

Calendar Review - see list

Outreach Action Items - Newsletter deadline May 15

Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting will be June 8, 2011.