

Friends of Sausal Creek

Board of Directors Meeting August 13, 2003

Board Members Present: Sally Kilberg, Linda Morse, Diana Surber, Mark Lane, Mark Rauzon, Michael Thilgen

Non-Board Members: Sue Morgan (Ed Committee), Pete Veilleux (Acting Secretary)

- I. Approval of June BOD minutes. Approved.
- II. Restoration Committee Update: Mark Rauzon
Biomes changed to ecological communities.
Riparian community – Dimond Cyn
Grassland – parcel near Sanborn Loop – possible mitigation funds available??
Chapparal – Bridgeview Meadow?
Oak Woodland – Bridgeview Trail
Redwood Forest – JMP

Each community needs to have linkages / partnerships established – need to work on this!

Michael / Mark R. presented slideshow on FOOSC at EcoWave Conference.

- III. Education Committee Update
Sue Morgan attended to discuss the recent funding proposals she is sending out for the ed program.
Sue received approval to seek funding from Skaggs Foundation, San Francisco Foundation, Mary Crocker Trust, and Friends of Parks & Rec.
A discussion ensued about the process for approving proposals sent out by volunteers.
- III. Fund Development Committee
Sally announced that Jim Hafner has resigned from the BOD and this committee in order to take a position in Massachusetts. The need to fill his place with a highly skilled board member was discussed.
Sally will do an appeal letter to solicit individual donors for FOOSC – use this money for projects.
The BOD discussed the possibility of hiring an outside consultant who is familiar with the FOOSC to do fundraising with us. Both Kathy Kramer and Anne Hayes are potential people for this.
The BOD approved contacting them and to begin negotiations.
- IV. Board Development Committee
Linda spoke about a potential board member who had been in contact with Charlotte. She was going to attend the meeting, but could not make it. She will come to the next general meeting.
There are two other potential board members: Dave and Andrew – friends of Jim Hafner's – Linda will call to inquire about interest.
Discussion ensued about process of contacting potential new board members. It was decided that they should be invited to a general meeting, a project site, and then a board meeting if the interest is there.

Retreat Planning – the BOD decided on Sundays, November 2nd or 9th as the respective preferred dates. Discussion ensued about potential facilitators for the retreat. Linda and Pete will interview potential facilitators. A discussion ensued about how the BOD can incorporate a higher level of input from other volunteers and City staff into the retreat. If general volunteers express interest in attending the retreat, they should be encouraged to join the BOD. The BOD might make room for two or three individuals who are interested in becoming board members at the retreat.

V. Community Relations

Montclair Golf Course - Diana announced that the city of Oakland approved the conditional use permit for the expansions to their restaurant and parking.

Dept. of Fish and Game – Diana approached an individual there with the idea to reimburse FOOSC for nursery and plant costs. There was a positive reaction.

Jim Ryugo is the new interim manager of Parks & Rec.

VI. BOD Elections

The Slate was presented to the BOD and except for the secretary position, passed unanimously:

President – Linda Morse

Vice President – Sally Kilberg

Treasurer – Diana Surber

Secretary - ?

The Secretary position is still open. Pete Veilleux will operate as Interim Secretary.

VII. Reorganization of financial responsibilities

Diana suggested that the President and Vice President be the signers on the bank account, and that the Treasurer be the one to print the cheques and manage the quickbooks and account.

The reason for this is an extra layer of accountability. This was approved. Pete and Sally will draw up the resolution for the bank.

VIII. Creek to Bay Day Plans

Michael and Pete will email each other on places and activities.

This will be an agenda item at the next two general meetings.

IX. Watershed Forum Kick-off Meeting

Michael and Pete reported on this meeting.

The question was put to the group: What can this forum provide for us that we need?

- assistance w/ outreach
- water monitoring analysis and staff
- umbrella grant writing
- educate/present/liason to planning commission
- science/outreach/public policy/fieldwork

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.