

December 8, 2010 – Draft 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, Helen McKinley, Sean Welch, Richard Kauffman, Mark Rauzon, Kristin Ohlson, Harry Schrauth, Paul Frank, Eleanor Dunn*

Executive Director: *Kimra McAfee*

Guests: *Karen Paulsell, Bob Roat, Kathleen Harris, Joanna Adler, Sarah Nathe*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Guests and Board members introduced themselves.

Richard Kauffman shared the recently developed “Friends of Sausal Creek Presentation,” which had been given at St. Paul’s Towers for a group of residents. The Board members commented on ways to tailor it for other presentation venues. The presentation received very positive reviews from the Board.

Woodbine Corner Project – Kimra reported on Jill Sunahara’s involvement with this neighborhood group project to encourage native plant inclusion in their project and signage that is in keeping with the Dimond Park signage.

Committee Reports – (A) The following fundraising matters were discussed by the Board: (1) Kimra provided an update on the investigations regarding an endowment and we will develop some options and make a decision regarding the suitability of establishing such at the January retreat; (2) Kimra requested volunteers for developing the following grant proposals (a) Rose Foundation – Richard/Kimra, (b) Rotary Club of Oakland – Kristin, (c) Wells Fargo – Mark, (d) JiJi Foundation – Kristin, and (e) Wild Fire Prevention - Richard (French broom eradication was mentioned in the discussion); (B) Mark provided an update on several issues for the Restoration Committee: (1) soil pathogens have been confirmed in the Big Trees pallid manzanita colony, (2) American Society of Landscape Architects Emerging Professionals group - the Board agreed to pursue discussion further by email; (C) Prop 84 update - site visit is completed and we may hear by March or April; in meantime Paul and Bob will be developing a revised scope of work.

Executive Directors Report: (A) Annual Report appeal status was robust with the anticipation of more donations to come in; (B) Kimra presented the cash flow chart, noting that cash flow is currently very tight; (C) Soil Bioengineering Workshop – The Board agreed to Megan’s participation in this event, with the intent to explore holding a local workshop; (D) Staff vacation updates were provided; (E) Board Member Support discussions included the following: (1) Winter Solstice Workday; (2) Piedmont Pines Annual Meeting Jan. 31; (3) Refreshments sign-up for 2011 Board Meetings was

circulated; (4) 2011 Member Meetings Signup for March, May, July, September, and November was circulated; (F) Kimra noted that Adopt-a-Spot signage has been installed; City has asked if we are willing to assist with graffiti removal if City provides graffiti removal kits; Board supported us doing so.

Calendar Review **Upcoming Events:**

- Nursery Workday – Thursday, December 9, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Solstice Planting: Dimond Canyon – Saturday, December 11, 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Solstice Planting: Barry Place, Sequoia Arena, Shepherd Canyon, Wood Park – Saturday December 11, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Nursery Workday – Thursday, December 16, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, January 8, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Member Meeting – Friends of San Leandro Creek – Wednesday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.
- **Board and Staff Retreat – Sunday, January 23, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Outreach Action Items: Newsletter deadline Jan. 17

Closed Session – The Board voted in the 2011 officers: Carl Kohnert, President; Pat Bacchetti, Vice President; Harry Schrauth, Treasurer; Helen McKinley, Secretary.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.