

February 9, 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, Helen McKinley, Sean Welch, Richard Kauffman, Kristin Ohlson, Paul Frank, Eleanor Dunn, Harry Shrauth, Bob Roat, Mark Rauzon

Staff: Kimra McAfee

Interns: Adrian Peer, Shirley Knight

Guests: Karen Paulsell, Stan Dodson, Kathleen Harris

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

Approval of January 2011 Minutes - The January minutes were adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Committees met just prior to the Board’s monthly meeting:

Restoration - The Committee intends to meet quarterly and conduct an initial field trip in March. Additionally they plan to develop a list of shelf-ready projects that can be put forward in the event mitigation money becomes available.

Much of the discussion focused on the potential efforts that will be required in the event FOSC receives the Proposition 84 award. They plan to make multiple site visits to several of the targeted sites to get everyone conversant with projects to slow and retain runoff. In the near future there will be a tour with U.S.Fish and Wildlife regarding potential funding.

The Committee recommends maintaining the investment in Pallid Manzanita recovery efforts at the Big Trees site.

Community Outreach and Education –The meeting was spent identifying areas of need and potential networking opportunities within the community. Among the topics touched on were (1) restarting the docent program, (2) hikes and field trips, including linking of these to other Park events like the DIA picnic when many people are coming through; (3) participating in local elementary school “Readathons” with science/nature/ecology materials, as well as other school projects, such as native plant propagation/site restoration ‘start to finish’ projects, field trips, and targeting the lower watershed more often; (4) watershed photo contest for kids and postings to the Kids Website; coordination/networking with DIA and the NCPC (Neighborhood Coalition for Positive Change) organizations including sharing speakers/presentations; (5) tabling at events, signage in the watershed, and the priority messages we hope to disseminate.

The meeting was very much a brainstorming session. No decision was made regarding frequency of future meetings. It was suggested that the next meeting should result in a list of discrete tasks that volunteers can sign up for.

Fundraising – The Committee meeting focused on (1) the endowment plan currently under consideration, (2) the issue of setting priorities for which proposals we develop and funding sought to match FOSC goals. Both these topics were taken up by the Board including a general Board discussion about fundraising strategies.

Endowment Resolution Discussion - Sean summarized his current research into this topic, some options for how FOSC might approach setting up an endowment, and the thinking that came out of the January Board Retreat: (a) FOSC is still interested; (b) a fundraising expert has agreed to give us some training and he has suggested this for our March meeting; (c) serious commitment is required with 7-10 years before we might see the fruits of the effort; and (d) the option to establish the fund through East Bay Community Foundation .

Meeting Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10. The next month's meeting will be March 9, 2011, with next Committee Meeting details to be determined in email exchanges and announced later.

Upcoming Events:

- Bridgeview Restoration Workday – Saturday, February 12, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, February 12, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Nursery Workday – Thursday, February 17, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Restoration Workday at Sequoia Arena – Saturday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Beaconsfield Workday – Saturday, February 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Seed Hike – Friday, March 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Restoration in Dimond Park – Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, March 5, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.