

**February 13, 2008 – Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Friends of Sausal Creek, a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation**

*Attending Board Members: Mark Rauzon, Kristin Ohlson, Kristen Hopper, Harry Schrauth, Pat Bacchetti, Helen McKinley, Eleanor Dunn*

Staff: Kathren Murrell Stevenson

*Guests: Richard Kauffman, Jane Wardani, Steve Weitz, Karl Kohnert, Ralph Kantz*

*Visitors for Agenda Item on Fish Kill: Contractors - McCutcheon Construction Crew (Steven Sweeting, Robert Druzeta, Dan Hino, Sal Balistreri)*

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Mark Rauzon

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were accepted with minor edits.

New/Prospective Board Members – Kristin Ohlson moved, Mark Rauzon seconded, and a motion was carried to immediately accept Richard Kauffman to the Board. Karl Kohnert spoke to the Board about his interest in becoming a Board Member.

Nursery Improvement Plans – Kristen Hopper described the proposed scope of the improvements and provided a sheet with cost estimates. She also presented some grant funding possibilities with StopWaste that she has discussed with a contact there. The Board discussed, alternatives for phasing of the project and funding strategies.

Nursery Manager hours extension – Molly Bolt has requested an extension of 5 hours per week in the interest of overseeing the Nursery Improvements. Mark Rauzon moved, and Kristen Hopper seconded that Molly's hours be extended from 15 to 20 hours beginning with the next pay period and up to her anniversary hire date (August 2008).

Watershed Assessment Project Status – Helen reported on the status update with our contractor on the watershed assessment progress. Everything is on schedule.

Contamination/Trout Kill - McCutcheon Construction Crew representatives came to discuss construction activities (specifically paint brush washing) that were associated with a release of paint and paint solvents to a storm drain during a project they were working on above the area where the recent fish kill was observed.

Pallid Manzanita Plans – Kristen Hopper described the current and historical problems with “take” of Pallid Manzanita that have occurred. Ralph Krantz reports, however, that he has observed many seedlings that have taken root subsequent to an earlier propagation effort. A plan was made for a small group to go in and do some weeding. Other efforts, including tree removal, permit acquisition, propagation, the Manzanita sites at Chabot Space and Science, possible partnerships and FoSC’s role in supporting survival of this species, were discussed. An upcoming Restoration Committee will devote itself further to this topic.

Grazing Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) – Kathren Murrell Stevenson presented the development of the MOU, which specifies areas of grazing exclusion to protect seed sets for nursery propagation efforts. We are hoping to get a meeting by end of March with Fire Dept. and City to get agreement and signature to the document. Mark Rauzon moved and Kristen Hopper seconded to move forward using the draft MOU as a basis for crafting an agreement. The motion was accepted by the Board.

Fundraising – The Goldman Foundation has turned down our recent proposal. The outcome of the Wells Fargo proposal for diversity-based environmental education should be known by the end of February. Additionally, that proposal was “tiered” for augmentations that might be able to fund infrastructure improvements. Park Theater event will be on February 26 and Mark will introduce our organization that night.

Board ½-Day Retreat March 22 – Pat will host and we will meet from 9-1.

New Business – Staff training for first aid and CPR will be scheduled

Adjourn – Next Meeting – March 12, 2008; Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.