

FOSC Board Meeting Minutes– July 12th, 2006

Attending:

Kristen Hopper, Harry Schrauth, Eleanor Dunn, Helen McKinley, Sheelah Weaver, Sara Marcellino, Michael Thilgen, Pat Buscetti, Kristin Olson, Sue Morgan

1) **Call to Order (7:15):**

Minutes approved with corrections

2) **Fundraising and finances:**

Received:

USFWS - \$6,750 for any restoration work

Alameda County Fish & Game - \$5K for any restoration work

Watershed Project – service grant; they will help conceptualize what is needed for our members/supporters database; additional grant will need to be written when this is done to find donor willing to fund creating database. Sheelah noted that we should expect to purchase an off the shelf software product and then live with its limitations

Bella Vista Foundation – \$20K for redwood site restoration

Jean Quan – for ivy removal in Dimond Park

Eleanor, Sue, Helen, Pat Kristen, Kristin, Eric and Sara will meet and create a plan to accomplish the above work on creek to bay and restoration days

Alameda County Clean Water - \$2.5K to print and distribute trail maps

Sheelah and Karen P will manage this thru completion

We have also received about \$1,000 in Elliot Smith's honor

Submitted:

Rose Foundation - \$12K for nursery outreach

Regional Water Board - \$180K to hire Laural Marcus to create a watershed management plan which includes a hydrology study

Wells Fargo - \$5K to sponsor restoration work days

SF Foundation Bay Fund - \$46K for watershed plan

Sara received a call that our contact, who is supportive, will present the proposal to the board

Denied:

ACCWP - \$20K for Ed Program

SF Foundation Leadership Award - \$20K

Rose Grassroots Fund - \$5K

Stonyfield Farms - \$17K for Ed Program

Weeden Foundation - \$20K for Ed Program

Tabled:

Five Star – until 3/07

AcornFoundation – until appropriate project

Goldman – use retreat to brainstorm

East Bay Bike Coalition – FOSC member needs to contact them and ask for a donation

We do not currently have any grants in process. Board members and staff need to look for new possible funders.

Attachment B – Ed Program income and expenses
Depending on final OUSD bill, '05-'06 ~ \$9K short
'06-'07 program currently has \$10K in matching funds

3) **Elliot Smith:**

how to honor our dear friend? A bench at the creek?
July newsletter devoted to honoring Elliot – testimonials from friends
If we get Rose grant, could make slide show in Elliot's honor (will be using Elliot's slides) – note that Mark Rauzon will store Elliot's photos

4) **Upcoming Events:**

Creek to Bay Day (9/16)

will direct some teams to Dimond Oak ivy removal and Redwood site
need food donations – *Sara will ask, Pat will pickup the week before the 16th* –
any ideas for new donors? Neiman Ranch, Farmer Joe's, Whole Foods
what if we ask specific sponsors to supply all the food for a specific restoration day?

Anniversary Party (11/11)

Have to ask at board meeting, submit request 3 months before on agenda, at this point we will not know for sure until October that we have the Dimond Rec Center – too late to do publicity if venue might change
Sue – getting center is slam dunk
Other issues unresolved: asking for \$, serving alcohol
Michelle (Dimond Park director) is holding date for us
How much should we spend?
Food should be good, should not rely on donated food
Sara concerned that date approaches, little prep done
Sue – tasks laid out at April prep meeting, will bring to retreat on Sunday
Sheelah – concern that retreat not be consumed by Anniversary Party – retreat is to discuss long range plans, Party should be handled in board, committee meetings
Music? Good idea, but should not interfere with auction
Everyone should find services and items to auction

5) **Waivers:**

Kristin Olsen researched waivers from other organizations:
Audobon, LHS, Save the Bay, Friends of 5 Creeks, Conservation Corp
Ours was one of the more onerous, most use more benign language
Suggested rewrites (see attachments)

Current waiver is overkill, docents found language on indemnity threatening
This concept is for corporations, not well understood, volunteers should not face
“burdening their descendants with the consequences of any action of theirs while
volunteering”

Is our waiver legal protection, or an attempt to remind volunteers to exercise
caution – board felt we were really trying to remind volunteers to be careful, only
do work they understand and feel comfortable doing

Eric – change parental form to allow for multiple family members, so parents
don’t have to fill out one for each child

Everyone felt Kristen’s rewrite was more readable, which in itself makes them
more effective; we are just asking volunteers to sign a form that states that they
take responsibility for their behavior

Back this up with good safety talk – organize, advocate and practice a safe work
environment

Waivers accepted – Thanks, Kristin!

Eric – let’s add an accident plan to a future board meeting agenda, create a safety
hand out

6) **Member Meetings:**

August – community planning meeting, led by Eleanor, vote with dots for favorite
ideas – Eleanor presented idea at Farmer Joe’s table, got a lot of positive response

September – Michael

October – Spartina Project, Peggy Olofson

Other ideas? Idea collection poster at anniversary party, older, larger watershed to
talk to us, Santa Rosa wetlands restoration group – currently have million \$
budget – how did they do that?

7) **Retreat Ideas:**

Bring action plans document

Business plan review, open discussion

Anniversary party

8) **Michael Thilgen:** submits letter of resignation from board

Sheelah Weaver
FOSC Secretary
August 8, 2006

Attachment B:

Ed Program Income and Expenses 05-06

Income Amount	Source
\$20,000.00	Dean Witter
\$3,504.35	ACCWP

\$5,542.50	ACCWP
\$100.00	Pat Schwinn
\$7,702.50	ACCWP
\$228.21	FOPR
\$101.00	FOPR
Totals as of 8/1/06	\$37,178.56
waiting for, invoiced per Sue	\$3,250.65
Total projected income	\$40,429.21

Expense Amount

\$874.27	Bus tickets (check written 11/8/05)*
\$2,400.00	Kristen's time
\$17,909.56	OUSD bill paid March for Sept-Dec
\$13,557.32	OUSD bill paid June for Jan-Mar**

\$34,741.15	
\$14,227.16	Bill received Aug 1, to be paid
\$48,968.31	Total expenses

\$8,539.10	Total shortfall
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*\$799 of FOPR money income/expense not included here as already used to reimburse Sue