

FOSC board meeting minutes – March 8, '06 – Happy International Women's Day! –
Chabot Space and Science Center

Attending: Sara Marcellino, Kristen Hopper, Michael Thilgen, MarkRauzon, Sue
Morgan, Eleanor Dunn, Eric Havel, Sheelah Weaver

Call to order, minutes approval postponed until next meeting

Finances

Sara submitted financial report:

Balance (3/3/06) = \$32,367

Minus \$2,000 (artist)

\$1,921 (ed program)

\$22,000 (3 months op expenses)

Plus \$15,395 (invoiceable income thru June from Fish & Wildlife, A. Flood Control)

\$21,841 (balance at end of June)

Possible additional income

\$5K – Fish & Game

Possible additional expenses

New workers comp rates

Raises for staff

More details:

Gwynan (artist) has received \$1.85K, another \$2K owed plus possibly some plants for the
installation site. FOSC gets \$400 for admin & \$600 for plants

Some discussion about the location of the art installation, and FOSC's responsibility as
fiscal agent – we have to pay receipts, will ask for documentation, Sara notes that this
responsibility (fiscal agent for this project) is ending

Ed Program: New \$5300 from Alameda Clean Water, \$12K remains on existing grant

Carol and Sara are working to update Quick books with FOSC financials, will have better
future reports, expenses seem to be stable

Discussion about good end to last year's fundraising, need to keep 6-12 months ahead of
financial needs, consider raises for staff,

Possibility raised of 3rd staff position – restoration manager (make nursery management
distinct job) – need more outreach as well, almost zero now.

Grants Update

Bella Vista - \$20K for redwood site, request amount ok but competitive grant, territory is to southern Oregon. Could reapply if rejected

Rose – Tim Little said to reapply to general Rose Fund, May deadline

5 Star – rejected, try next year

Valley – maybe for Ed Program, lots of info required

SF Foundation – Ed Program due June 5

US Fish & Wildlife – waiting for response – wants to fund us for species of special concern, pallids, need Chabot (Eric: no luck with Chabot contacts)

Bella Vista – have proposals, still talking about geography

Watershed Project – apply for technical grant to develop donor database

Friends of Oakland Parks - \$500 for Earth day projects – lots of small grants for projects with youth

SF Bay Fund – new possible RFP – April 7th, call Arlene (Kristen), Steve Katz (Sara), find out what they will accept, why last proposal not funded

use same proposal for Goldman

Eric, Sara, Michael – Bay Funds proposal subcommittee – Dimond project? (see Goldman notes below)

Hydrology grant – will know in April, hydro study, workshops, outreach

Workshops to teach storm water and hydrology drainage

Fix drainage and sediment issues necessary for trout habitat restoration

Sue: hydrology study at castle creek – Michael's company is working on landscaping

Kristen: steep site, needs professionals, city prepared to spend the \$

Goldman – need project idea

Restoration projects create the most outreach

Pallids

Redwood site (sorrels, historic trail)

Focus on 5 Dimond sites?

Michael: should focus be natural or cultural? Restore or educate public?

Dimond Park focus – that's where the people are

Talk to Goldman, find out what interest them (fundings interests change)

Get funding for work we are already doing in Dimond

Get signs for the Earth Team work

Tie all park restoration projects together, rededicate front of park

Note: Bella Vista park/playground started out as a grass roots effort, ended up a lovely park with large funders

Unified element in possibly Dimond project – remove all ivy

Oak Ecology - \$14,999 (so qualifies for paygo) Eleanor trying to get project description from Sue Piper, Eleanor clarified payment for mapping and ivy removal + signage & brochure, how to bill?

Who will manage Oak project? Ivy removal, signs, brochure

Mark: his class could practice using GPS devices in the field, map oaks

Sara: should create budget, any management \$ in this?

Ability to donate via credit cards added to website - \$30 contributed! (3% service fee)
Announcement in newsletter
Our Bank – Community Bank of the Bay – local, no fees
Trying to encourage regular donors

Local heroes - \$1K – Karen Paulsell selected, award to nursery (Sara pursuing last \$400 LH grant, also for nursery)

Nursery needs

Materials, lumber, trex, cordless drills, weed wacker, brush cutter

Craig's List for volunteer wood workers to make nursery tables?
Sara investigated parachute ceiling – call Oakland Company

Dog Meeting

Eleanor attended, lots of messages, divided group, some negative impression of FOSC, we need better outreach, many want trail off leash

Has anyone in FOSC advocated anything?

Enforcement of park rules represents a loss for dog walkers, city rules

FOSC has no authority on city dog policy at parks – not our issue

Sue's class sent letter complaining of aggressive dog behavior

Marilyn Miller – dog advocate – reaching out to FOSC, helping at restoration, encouraging other dog owners to do so

Our restoration improves habitat for wildlife, dogs (and people) damage habitat for wildlife – need to balance all users, share space

Mark: Eleanor was fabulous, sympathetic, knowledgeable (vet), dissolving hostility

Discussion of many possible dog parks, impact of dogs in public spaces

Resolution: pay attention to issue and public, but make clear we have no group position and no authority – statement in newsletter

Outreach list

Sara passed out instructions for getting messages in several local papers, list serves, radio stations

Plant Sale

Need publicity

Sara or volunteers will take on sending announcements

Sheelah will create flyer, bring to member meeting

Community Center

Building on MacArthur, near Paws & Claws, available

Many (including DIA, Ruth Villasenor, Hoang Vahn, David Ralston) interested in a shared office for Dimond area community groups, outreach + coordination among community groups, recruit new volunteers with available walk in space

\$500 per month plus expenses, building needs work, has back area suitable for garden, creek access

Sue & Eric presented idea to DIA of shared space, outreach, signage possibilities, office
Cannot use paygo for rent

David checking whether any city \$ available

Kristen: posters would be ignored after a while, not an effective outreach strategy,
ignored after a while, who will staff?, \$ more effectively spend on hiring outreach
coordinator

Mark: good to investigate opportunities but lack of \$, staff, high crime spot makes him
oppose involvement

Sheelah: good idea, wrong time, we do not have the \$, staff, volunteers to pursue as
FOSC

Eleanor: board split on issue of FOOSC involvement, general consensus is that this is
outside our capability at this time, Sue, Eric and Eleanor will continue to explore

Earth Day

Pat looking for food donations

Projects list – probably exclude estuary (homeless guy with filthy habits, dangerous
waste)

Dimond Park – Eleanor will give opening greeting

Barry Place – Sheelah bringing group of neighbors to site

Who coordinates Earth Day – Eleanor & Eric

Sue & Mark to recruit volunteers at member meeting

Ideas: cape ivy – bag your weight, remove Algerian ivy from trees

Plant Sale

Kristen: will make plans & schedule for web site

Target \$? See what happens and evaluate

20 places will be selling plants at the same time, some with very small offerings

2 shifts, need more morning help (Sue volunteers)

10 Anniversary

Board looked at Chabot space - \$500-1,000

Sheelah Weaver – March 31, '06