

May 12, 2010 – 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, Sean Welch, Eddie Dunbar, Eleanor Dunn, Kristin Ohlson, Richard Kauffman, Pat Bacchetti, Mark Rauzon, Helen McKinley, Wade Woodfill, Harry Schrauth

Attending Staff: Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

Call to Order/Minutes –President Carl Kohnert called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and April draft minutes were approved.

Committee Reports and Discussion: (A) **Education Committee** – Eddie shared some PR draft items for the ‘Shoot the Shed’ event scheduled for May 22, and expressed needs for volunteers to assist that day; (B) **Fundraising Committee** – a meeting was held at St. Paul’s Towers this month hosted by Wayne Kirchoffer. During tonight’s meeting the Board explored several ideas for soliciting support from corporate sponsors and a volunteer signup sheet was circulated among the Board members; (C) **Nursery Committee** - Kimra has received word from Megan, Restoration and Nursery Manager, that the electrical installations continue to experience delays, though some work has occurred. The shade structure extension is ready for order, and the budget and schedule are being updated for Committee review. Kristin Ohlson noted that the joint meeting of the Nursery Committee and the Restoration Committee to finalize a plant request policy still needs to happen. (D) **Watershed Enhancement Plan Committee** – FoSC has just posted the Plan on our Web Site and the links are being tested before full release.

Executive Director’s Report : (A) **Grants Update** - (1) Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program – FoSC has applied for \$20,000 for 24 field trips with the potential to renew for 3 more years; (2) Coastal Conservancy (Dimond Park Demonstration Garden) – the signage task is ongoing and we have learned that the project period can remain open through December 31, 2011; (3) The Five Star Proposal has been submitted for a two-year project but we have not heard anything yet; (4) Oakland Fund for Children and Youth was not funded; (5) Regional Board – final billing has been submitted; (6) San Francisco Foundation - final paperwork submitted and grant should be closed out within a couple of months; (B) **Projects Update** - an update on Pallids informed Board members that CEQA compliance issues may be creating some further delays because the tree removal permit depends on resolution there; some weeding has been done and trees are being identified for removal; (C) **Board Member Support** - (1) Pat Bachetti’s June/July MacArthur Metro article followed through on our goal to increase public outreach on impacts of dogs on the creek’s fish habitat; (2) ideas for Creek to Bay Day were discussed; (3) Nursery ribbon-cutting event will be combined with the fall plant sale – date considered for sale was Oct 24, 2010; (4) Board volunteer needed to lead walk and help table at Dimond Picnic on July 18; (5) possible FoSC outreach through National Night Out was discussed..

Calendar Review/Upcoming Events:

- Dimond Park Restoration Workday – Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, May 15, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- “Shoot the Shed”—A Photographic Survey – Saturday, May 22, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- buildOn End of Year Event (need crew leaders) – Sat. May 22, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Beaconsfield Canyon Workday – Saturday, May 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, May 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Wood Park Cleanup and Potluck – Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Shepherd Canyon Park Workday – Saturday, June 5, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, June 5, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Outreach Action Items: Newsletter submissions due May 19, 2010.

Business Matters: (A) Financial Reports; (B) Training Compensation Policy; (C) Cash Advance for Employee Reimbursables

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15. Next meeting will be on June 9, 2010, Fern Ravine Work Site, Horseshoe Picnic Area Joaquin Miller Park.