

## **September 8, 2010 – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Friends of Sausal Creek, a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation**

**Attending Board Members:** *Pat Bacchetti, Richard Kauffman, Jill Sunahara, Helen McKinley, Paul Frank, Sean Welch*

**Executive Director:** *Kimra McAfee*

**Guests:** *Karen Paulsell, Wayne Kirchoffer, Angel Sandriepe*

**Call to Order/Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and the July 14, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved with minor edits.

**Presentation – Angel Sandriepe,** representing “Build On,” presented Megan with a plaque recognizing her work with “Build On,” and the FOSC Partnership with Build On.

**Presentation – Wayne Kirchoffer** – Provided a brief history of his fundraising efforts with the Board and offered comments regarding current and future efforts that he is interested in partnering with FOSC on, including the idea of a permanent endowment. The Board will investigate establishing and raising the funds for such a trust.

**Committee Reports:** (A) Education Committee – No report; (B) Fundraising Committee – (1) FOSC Timeline and Cash Flow Chart – (a) review of each of our pending and active grants; and (b) overall status of current fiscal health and future needs for ongoing fundraising; (2) Fundraising Signup Sheet - signup sheet was passed around for volunteer commitments; (C) Nursery Committee – (a) the Board continued discussion and planning for the fall plant sale and the current status of the construction and upgrades; (b) the plant request form was discussed, including how to use donations as reimbursement for FOSC propagation service costs; (D) Restoration Committee –Beaconsfield Canyon: Next Steps were outlined by Richard; the restoration study has been completed, with recommendations to hold community meetings to get input from neighbors. Richard discussed the value of topographic survey that would more specifically inform a strategy that could be presented to the community regarding certain activities such as tree removal. The Board recognized that this would involve fundraising, and that further discussion will be required regarding how this might fit in with FOSC overall priorities and goals.

**Nursery and Restoration Manager Report:** (A) Creek-to-Bay Day – Megan gave a report on how preparations for this workday are coming along. Planning and sign ups were completed for food, crew leading, signup, startup and cleanup. (B) Nursery

preparations for the Plant Sale Day are ongoing; a schedule of workdays was provided along with the tasks still needed doing in order to be ready for the Sale.

**Executive Director's Report:** (A) Projects and Programs: (a) Internships: Clorox and Holy Names University – We will start with two AmeriCorps interns from Holy Names, allowing the Clorox funding to be used another way; (b) Wellington St. Project – the Board discussed the project design and the need for FOSC input to Scout Hut relocation; (c) Pallid Manzanitas – a monitoring program has begun; Karen provided a Pallid status report; (d) Fern Ravine: a Restoration Plan update was presented and maintenance issues discussed; Rob Leidy reported to Kimra that more damage has occurred at the site during the last 6-months; Kimra will prepare a report for Redwood Committee (Friends of Joaquin Miller Park); other strategies for education efforts and outreach to bike groups were explored; (e) Fish Kill Update – There is no new news on the recent fish kill, but the dead fish have been sent for analysis to determine cause of death; FOSC is preparing a letter of concern to EBMUD; (f) Kids Web Pages – The link is on the FOSC website; (B) Board Member Support - (a) The Member Meeting is next week: Eleanor will pick up key; (b) Pat and Jill will bring refreshments; (c) flyers for upcoming events and Creek to Bay Day will be circulated; (d) Kimra is looking for ideas for the January Member Meeting;

#### **Calendar Review/Upcoming Events:**

##### **Upcoming Events:**

- Big Trees Trail Plant Salvage – September 10, 10:00 a.m.
- V-O-Cal Big Trees Trail Re-Route – September 10-12, see [www.v-o-cal.org](http://www.v-o-cal.org)
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, September 11, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Member Meeting – Watershed Plan – Wednesday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Aquatic Insect Sampling – Saturday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, September 18, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Creek-to-Bay Day – Saturday, September 25: Dimond Park 8:30 a.m. start, rest 9:00 a.m. start
- Nursery Workday – Saturday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Plant Sale – Sunday, October 24, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Ribbon Cutting at 3:00 p.m.
- Member Meeting – Ann Riley, Urban Stream Restoration: Case Studies of “Impossible” Sites – Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

**Outreach Action Items:** Newsletter deadline September 20.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm. Next Meeting Board will be October 13, 2010.