

**Friends of Sausal Creek
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 7-9 p.m.
Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church
4101 Park Blvd., 3rd Floor, Oakland**

Our mission is to restore, maintain, and protect the local ecosystem, educate future generations of environmental stewards, involve the community in local environmental stewardship, and collaborate with agencies and other nonprofits to have a positive impact on the environment.

Present: Helen McKinley, Rob Leidy, Mark Rauzon, Richelle Jacobs, Dee Rosario, Richard Kauffman, Barbara Goldenberg, Paul Frank, Harry Schrauth

Absent: Sean Welch, Bob Roat, Carl Kohnert, Eleanor Dunn, Steve Ritchie

Staff Present: Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

Guests Present: Jerry Heverly, Karen Paulsell

Board Involvement: **Creek to Bay Day** – Sat., Sept. 17, morning

Oaktoberfest – Sat., Oct. 1, 11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Walkable Watershed Walking Tours – TBD in Aug.-Sept.

Approximately four walking tours are in the process of being designed, looking at the urban pathway we hope to create.

Richard Register Talk -- *The Wonder of Opening Creeks* ~

Weds, Sept 21, 7:30 p.m., Dimond Library

Walkable Watershed Public Open Houses at César Chávez

Library – Tues., Oct. 4, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 15,

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Plant Sale -- Sunday, Oct 23.

Remarks from Executive Director on Upcoming Events: Kimra reported that she is working on two grants to support the Walkable Watershed. She circulated sign-up sheets soliciting volunteers for Creek to Bay Day and Oaktoberfest.

FOSC has applied for one more year of Linda Stonier's (of the National Park Service) help.

Board Member Briefing: Karen Paulsell, who is our volunteer liaison to Friends of Joaquin Miller Park, reported on the city's proposed plan to install a Pump Track¹ in Joaquin Miller Park. A discussion ensued about what position to ask Karen to take on FOSC's behalf. (Barbara serves on the FOJMP board as the Member at Large, not as FOSC's official representative.) Although the pump track seems an exciting and lively venture for Oakland, there was unanimous agreement for FOSC to stand firmly against putting it in Joaquin Miller Park.

East Bay Gives Debrief: In summarizing FOSC's recent history of giving, Kimra pointed out that there has been a noticeable increase in donations since

2013, and especially in the last two years since working with *East Bay Gives*. That advantage prevailed this year despite the *East Bay Gives* 2016 online technical debacle last May. The board agreed to work with *East Bay Gives* again in spring of 2017. Richard suggested we find a way to involve more of our membership for that day.

Minutes and Commitments Review: Richard opened an in-depth conversation about FOSC's position on vegetation management in the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District (WPAD). For their next meeting, the WPAD Citizen Advisory Committee asked Fire Department staff to locate the prevailing guidelines for protecting special status species. Kimra will email Lech Naumovich, who reportedly put together those guidelines, to see if she can obtain a copy of them.

The board discussed which actions board and staff should take in regard to the city's management of special status species. Mark suggested we continue our longstanding focus on the endangered pallid manzanita, since it is an indicator species.

The board also discussed the vegetation management plan that is being developed by a consultant for the city, and the importance of FOSC voicing what we want included in that plan.

Richard informed the board that Beaconsfield Canyon may well be included in the city's goat grazing contract. He is concerned about the impact of goat grazing on the many native plants FOSC provided which have been planted there. He also reported that he has received a Diablo FireSafe Grant for invasive tree removal at Beaconsfield Canyon.

Minutes from the June 8th meeting were approved with an amendment.

Dee volunteered to take notes at the next meeting if Richelle cannot attend.

Coastal Conservancy Explore the Coast Grant Resolution: This resolution, required in the grant agreement, was passed unanimously by all board members present [see list of board members in attendance at the beginning of these minutes.] See Resolution 2016-2.

Endowment Committee Report: The amended Endowment Fund Management Policies and Procedures Resolution was passed unanimously by all board members present. See Resolution 2016-3.

Kimra was pleased to announce that an anonymous donor gave a \$5400 stock donation to the *For the Future Fund*. She reported on the current state of the fund.

Financial Report: Kimra reviewed the Statement of Position FYE16, Statement of Activities FYE16, and Project Timeline and Cash Flow charts. The board discussed the Operating Reserve Goal. An increase to \$40,000 in the reserve was approved in order to reflect salaries and operating expenses for the three

consecutive months of the year with the largest anticipated expenditures.

Executive Director Responds to Questions on Staff Report: Kimra updated the board on plans to hire an education specialist in September and a paid intern by the end of August. Mark volunteered to participate in the interview process.

The board discussed contractor maintenance responsibilities for the Dimond Park Restoration Project, and whether FOSC should provide any volunteer assistance during the contractor's maintenance period. A decision was made to continue this discussion at the next board meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

¹ A pump track is a place to learn and practice mountain biking.