

FOSC Board Meeting Minutes Draft – April 5th, 2006

Attending:

Kristen Olson, Mark Rauzon, Harry Schrauth, Eric Havel, Sue Morgan, Eleanor Dunn, Michael Thilgen, Helen McKinley, Sheelah Weaver, Sara Marcellano, Kristen Hopper, Barbara Goldenberg

- 1) **Staff raises:** We discussed the various options for pay raises, and reasons to raise our staff pay. A motion was presented and passed to raise both staff members pay by %15, effective next pay period. Eleanor will tell Carol. The board also agreed to review the operations manager position in October, with the intent to evaluate whether we can change this position to that of an executive director.

Sara and Kristen were not present for this discussion.

- 2) **Fundraising:**

Sara's report – little change from last month; Gywen paid (artist project); \$2K donated by Sally from the sale of her house (our first real estate cut!); Sally's agent Regina Jacobs will give a % of her commission to any FOSC recommended customers who sell with her.

Sara made list of past grants to see what they have funded; will bring to next meeting to help refine our funding requests (note: Janet Cobb, great fundraiser, source of potential contacts)

- 3) **Specific Grants:**

Possibilities

Goldman- be prepared to discuss at next meeting

Watershed Project – nothing yet

SF Found Bay Fund – in process

East Bay Bike Coalition – Eleanor will follow up

Rose – nothing done

East Bay Community Fund – no \$ for environmental ed

Valley – no

Submitted

Friends of Parks & Rec, Bella Vista, PG&E, Regional Board, Weeden,

Stoneyfield Farms – n work yet

County Clean Water – will know by June

SF Foundation – will know by Aug/Sept

Wells Fargo – will take a long time

Received

County Fish & Game - \$5K – Mark sent letter asking when \$ will be received

Jean Quan - \$15K for ivy removal in Dimond Park

Grants Denied

Rose Grassroots Fund

Grants Tabeles

Five Star, March '07

Acorn, June '06 (Sheelah)

4) **Pallids:**

Status of Chabot's Habitat Conservation? Responsible person laid off. Who should contact Alex (Chabot Director)? Discussion about our need to know what Chabot will do in order to apply for grant \$7K to Fish and Wildlife. Use possible \$ as carrot to get Chabot to meet commitments? Sara will talk to Rick at Fish & Wildlife to understand what they will fund, how to present request. City/Chabot funded HCP, expert wrote the plan, Chabot has not approved, wants Parks & Rec to approve; Eric thinks Chabot will approve. Parts of site are difficult, by telescope, potential fire hazards – Fire Dept a player as well. Discussion about FOSC's unending task pushing Chabot to meet its commitments; we will try one of two approaches-
Plan A – Chabot approves and acts on HCP
Plan B – Use \$7K to help trees without HCP in JMP

5) **Ed Program:**

Eleanor sent an email to the Glenview Principle, no commitment, intend to review contract when school sends (unknown when this will be?)
Currently \$10K committed – potential grants Alameda Clean Water \$40K (for 4 years), due end of May; Fosters, Bank of America, SF Foundation

6) **Earth Day Planning:**

Trail washed out – Martin will mark off for safety - Stage tools at trails instead of at scout hut
One final member meeting to recruit
Setup – Eric, Sara, Kristen
Bill for Kristen's & Sara's time on Oak Project – Kristen will work w/Sara on specifics
\$1K for tables – several husbands volunteered as carpenters

7) **Plant Sale:**

Publicity:
radio announcements – volunteers will do
list serve announcements – Sara
Metro article – Joan (missed April metro, will try for May)
Included in Bring Back Natives PR
Posters – Sheelah
Signage for nursery – Harry

8) **10th Anniversary Party:**

Several possible halls discussed – Harry said we can use Dimond or Joaquin Miller or Sequoia free of charge - Lesley Estes will cover cost!
Need to pick date

Discussion of whether primarily to raise \$ or for fun – most felt fundraising primary

Comp tickets to important supporters

Ticket covers entry, food & 2 drinks

Board members to find 7-10 items to donate to auction/silent auction

9) **Community Center:**

Long discussion about Dimond area interest in a community center shared by FOOSC, DIA. \$500 rent per month. Marilyn Miller offered \$1K to help with first months rent. Should we join an exciting potential outreach venue coming from the community was weighed against our ability to contribute financially and whether our meager \$ would not be better spent on staff. In addition we discussed appropriate process board members to raise possible projects with the larger FOOSC membership

Resolution: Support the idea of a community center but cannot commit to contributing financially at this time – passes with 6 in favor, 3 abstaining

10) **Retreat:**

Revisit business plan – email discussion to pick a date

Adjourned at 9:30 pm

Sheelah Weaver

Secretary