

**December 9, 2009 – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Friends of Sausal Creek, a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation**

Attending Board Members: *Mark Rauzon, Carl Kohnert, Richard Kauffman, Pat Bacchetti, Paul Frank, Krisztian Varsa, Kristin Ohlson, Paul Frank, Harry Schrauth*

Staff: *Kimra McAfee*

Guests: *Wayne Kirchoffer, Eddie Dunbar, Sean Welch*

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Pat Bacchetti at 7pm.

Minutes - Minutes were approved with minor edits.

Kids Web Page - The Board discussed comments to the Kids Web Page under development for Sausal Creek and how the process is unfolding.

2010 Membership Meetings and Field Trips Planning – (a) The January 2010 member meeting will be a presentation from the Restoration Committee; (b) For the March member meeting, Richard Kaufman plans to coordinate with Andrew Alden for a talk on the geology of Sausal Creek; (c) Other ideas were discussed including something around the Nursery in September as a way to highlight the Fall Plant Sale; outdoor events around daylighting issues as well as a few other proposals were explored. (d) May, July and November are available yet.

Board Retreat Report – Carl summarized the recent Board retreat. The retreat opened with a presentation from Mark and Eleanor on the historical background of the Creek and the “Friends” involvement. From there the major areas of focus were the following: (1) Board member roles and responsibilities, (2) Service on Committees (5 committees identified) and the acknowledgement that is where the direction of our work is shaped, (3) Budgets, fundraising, and sustainability, and (4) Vision, and energizing interest and volunteers. Carl will prepare a written summary.

Nursery Report – (a) Pat reported having shared feedback with nursery volunteers regarding needs and priorities; (2) Everything is in place for the electrical work to go ahead, and it is anticipated that by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year we can be plugged in.

Work Days and Need for Crew Leaders – There are often large school groups requesting workdays in the Watershed. The Board discussed the need for crew leaders and brainstormed ideas for how to manage the big groups.

Executive Director's Report – (a) The Regional Water Quality Control Board grant – we currently expect to have a draft watershed plan in our hands by 12/31/09; (b) Coastal conservancy grant - the interpretive signage design and siting for demo garden is still to be accomplished; (c) The Whale tail grant proposal was submitted to allow for more field trips and more penetration in to lower watershed schools; (d) We can now move forward with pallid manzanita restoration and enhancement work as outlined in the Habitat Enhancement and Conservation Plan. FOSC's Restoration Committee will be planning workdays to weed around the Chabot and Big Trees colonies in coming months. (e) Beaconsfield restoration design will be under coastal conservancy contracting and we await word on its getting funded; (f) A workday for Sequoia Arena and the Annual Meeting of Friends of Joaquin Miller Park is planned for January 11, 2010; (g) Rob Leidy will present some information on the fish status in Sausal Creek at the January Board Meeting.

Closed Session – (1) The Board unanimously voted in the Officers for 2010 as follows: Carl Kohnert, President; Pat Bacchetti, Vice-President; Harry Schrauth, Treasurer; and Helen McKinley, Secretary. (2) Consideration of prospective new Board Members followed the election of officers and the Board unanimously voted Eddie Dunbar on to the Board. Sean Welch was also in attendance for the open portion of the meeting and interested in joining the Board. Board members expressed an interest in meeting again with him and considering his bid at the next meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:08. The next meeting will be held January 13, 2010, 7pm, Presbyterian Church, 4104 Park Blvd.