

**December 12, 2007 – 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, Kristin Ohlson, Kristen Hopper, Harry Schrauth, Pat Bacchetti, Helen McKinley, Eleanor Dunn*

*Staff: Sara Marcelino*

*Guest: Richard Kauffman*

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Mark Rauzon

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were accepted with no changes.

Executive Director Update – Sara provided updates, with a handout highlighting key topics: (a) We are on schedule with fundraising goals; (b) The Regional Board grant will be overseen by Kristin Ohlson and Helen McKinley in Sara's absence and progress continues with data collection; (c) The annual \$25,000 operating grant w/Alameda County supervisors will hopefully be renewed June 2009 and we will pursue this opportunity in spring/summer 2008; (d) We are finishing up the Rose grant talks and should have that completed early in the year; (e) Sara has done some website updating, including addition of the trail map ; (f) It was suggested some thank you acknowledgements should go to some of our volunteers (see handout) and the Board was agreeable (Kristin O. donation backing); (g) Fundraising updates: (i) We are very close to the initial \$10K milestone for Wayne's match challenge; (ii) There is confidence that the Proposition 84 Coastal Conservancy grant proposal for \$32K is will be approved ; (iii) We have yet to hear from Whole Foods 5% day, (iv) Kristen H. and Sara are preparing proposals for Goldman and Firedoll (end of December deadline); (v) Discussed how to move forward on a proposal for the StopWaste Grant, due March 10, 2008; (vi) Discussed proposal for event funding such as Halloween party in Dimond Park; (vii) As we move into 2008, we intend to pursue corporate sponsorships from Union Bank, Port of Oakland, possibly Mechanics Bank, and any others that come to our attention.

Tool List – Harry is working with his contacts to cover costs for refurbishing our tool supplies. Has also completed PRAC letter re: nursery exemption for sales on April 27, and will submit letter in January.

Maternity Leave Tasks – These listed in the handout; Sara has met with Board members who've committed to take on tasks, and assignments are set.

Restoration and Nursery Update – (A) Notes in handout detail recent work and the upcoming Solstice workday this Saturday; (B) Steering committee discussion was presented to the Board regarding the potentially compromised shade

structure, the need to discuss with the City, and general strategies for replacing the shade structure, plus the need for grading, gravel and French drain work so that the growing area has more long-term integrity. A committee for addressing this (Mark R., Pat B. and Kristen Hopper) was formed to follow through with the issue. (C) A native plant propagation education program, to be held possibly at the nursery, is being explored for inclusion in a proposal to the Goldman Fund.

Member Meetings – Board members signed up to coordinate member meetings as follows: January (Mark), March (Kristin H and Helen), May (Eleanor) July (Pat Bacchetti and Kristin O), Sept (Mark and Kristen H), and November (Harry). Mark will take on the January meeting with a “state of the watershed” presentation and video.

Other Business –The Solstice Workday this Saturday and the Jean Quan Christmas Party (Harry will attend) were noted.

Beaconsfield Canyon Update - Guest, Richard Kauffman gave an update on Beaconsfield Canyon work, spear-headed by community members. Discussion ensued regarding our partnership and collaboration with that group.

Adjourn – Next Meeting January 9, 2007; Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.