

**May 13, 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, Helen McKinley, Pat Bacchetti, Eleanor Dunn, Paul Frank, Krisztian Varsa, Kristin Ohlson*

*Staff: Kimra McAfee*

\* Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Pat Bacchetti.

\* Minutes review to be accomplished by email this week. Approval can be moved to next meeting's agenda.

\* Dimond Improvement Association and Fiscal Agent question for the Oktoberfest Event this fall was discussed by the Board. The Board agreed that we could do this in accordance with our Fiscal Agent Policy.

\* SCEC 2009 – Next year's funding has not come through; this year's remaining funds were discussed.

\* Executive Director Update - Kimra provided the Board with the following updates: (1) The Patagonia grant has come through for \$3,000, which is a little more than half of the proposal request. We will have to reach an understanding with Patagonia regarding the work that will be done for the reduced amount. Kimra will follow up with Mark in determining the status of the Endangered Species permitting process; adjunct to this Pat floated the idea regarding a conservation committee to husband these activities; (2) The Prop 84 grant/Demo Garden project is still on hold pending word from the Coastal Commission; (3) The Regional Board Grant status regarding details of the funding availability is unclear, despite word that the funds are "unfrozen," and we are still waiting for word from them on that; (3) We have gotten \$1000 from Oakland Rotary for field trips; (4) The EPA Environmental Education Grant was turned down; (5) Another EPA grant is coming up that we will be reviewing to see if a proposal would be appropriate; (6) Carol will be unable to continue with the bookkeeping and so we are looking for a volunteer and in the meantime Board members will divide up the related tasks; (7) The Board discussed continuing research on potential grant opportunities, and conducting outreach among our donors to try to meet our budget forecasts for this year. The Board agreed to initiate a letter appeal and strategies to solicit donations from trail users in the canyon during work days; (8) Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden newsletter, "Manzanita," has asked us for an article on the Creek restoration and Mark has agreed to prepare this. (9) The Beneficial Uses letter was submitted to the Regional Board for including Sausal Creek in Table 2-1 of their Basin Plan. (10) The Board

discussed including a solicitation for dollars and volunteers in the Fish Kill flyer mail out; (11) Date for Fall Plant Sale proposed for October 17.

\* Nursery Update – Pat reported on the progress that has been made with the nursery upgrades and ongoing propagation work; sails have been put up to provide shade; the valves have been set, a pump house has been built, the gravel ring has been set to support the storage tank. The EBMUD grant was written to provide solar power which has turned out to be unrealistic, and getting electricity to the nursery is turning out to be very problematic. Options are being explored.

\* Education Pavilion – Kimra will explore with Wayne about the status of this project. It was recommended that we conduct some research relative to what the City's concerns may be and potential permitting issues.

\* The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.