

Minutes for FOSC Board meeting November 9th

Attending Board members: Sheelah, Eleanor, Mark, Sue, Michael, Eric + Sara (staff) + Pat, Mike and Barbara (guests)

Minutes from October board meeting accepted

Board members divide up fundraising letters to personalize during board meeting.
Quality of these notes reflects the ensuing multiple activities of the author.
Sue Morgan donates the stamps for this mailing

Welcome to Mike and Pat, potential new board members. Pat has a friend named Steve (boy scout troop leader) who is another potential new board member. Sara will contact Steve.

Finances by Sara:

Wonder if we will make the usual \$5K, since some donors have contributed in earlier appeals this year. Short ~\$15K this year, ~\$30K next year.

Grants we should apply for soon:

Rose Foundation, \$5K, due in December = Eleanor

Acorn Foundation, due mid January = Sheelah

Bella Vista, for board support and/or ed program = Mark

Sue – ed program short \$15K for this year

Michael – local heros award arrives, \$1K

Report on meeting with Jean Quan by Sheelah, Eric, Mark:

Councilmember wants East Bay environmental groups to coalesce around FOSC, lots of ideas: another creektoberfest, approach the watershed council, health walking trail from Leimert Bridge to Dimond Park (approach community health funders), house parties, sponsorships

Sue Piper (aid to councilmember) boot camp, small amounts from private donors on a regular basis

Followup – Sara sends Sue Piper a budget and list of FOSC accomplishments

Sheelah sends Jean a copy of the business plan

Our idea – solicit \$ from folks who can afford this, but may not be able to contribute time; honor those who contribute time by *not* aggressively soliciting funds from them

Other fundraising possibilities: get on outreach agendas for Rotary, Lions club

Solicit Wendy Takuda for media assistance

Get on local water board list as agency to receive civil liabilities fines

Eli's benefit:

Sue M will make sign in form, work door 1st hour, promote via DIA and Glenfriends list serve

Plant Sale: permit approved for one sale in May, '06

Some concern expressed that we have picked the wrong day, people do not buy plant on a garden tour, according to Kathy K; consider changing day or adding a second

Place ad on Kathy's web site

Pallids: contract to start Habitat Conservation Plan signed on Monday! Plan to be done by the end of the year

Champaign Oak: Sue M caught, stopped unannounced removal, tree is cordoned off, condemned, 10-15K to save for some additional years? Acorns collected

Possible art pieces from stump, wood

Should heroic measures ensue to save the tree? Or is this a misuse of scarce resources?

Should it be cordoned off and allowed to die a natural death? Or is this a hazard in a high density park?

FOSC members have varied opinions

What is diagnosis of actual tree condition?

Unofficial celebration of tree's life on following Sunday, 9 am

10th Anniversary celebration planned for fall, '06

Pat Bacchetti joins the board!

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