

**November 14, 2007 – Draft 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, Eleanor Dunn, Helen McKinley*

*Staff: Sara Marcelino*

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President Mark Rauzon

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were accepted with changes.

Executive Director Update – Sara provided updates with a handout highlighting key topics: (a) Taxes being mailed tomorrow; (b) The Coastal Conservancy submittals are in and we will learn more after a December 13 meeting; (c) Regional Board grant status report and data collection slated for Saturday, November 17th; (d) Monthly meeting for Alameda Co. reduced to bi-monthly and we are working to get on the Board of Supervisors agenda for funding renewal; (e) The trail map is out; (f) We still have five talks for the Rose Foundation and Pat will take the lead; (g) Fundraising items discussed and updated were the National Gardening Association grant (\$1000 for nursery), the MyQuire grant (\$5000), and an ask to Whole Foods for a 5% day. In line for attention next are corporate donor calls, Goldman, Firedoll, possibly StopWaste, and Mechanics Bank, as well as others (Dreyers). The end-of-year appeal letters have been mailed.

Maternity Leave Tasks – These were listed in a handout and Sara will follow up with Board members who've committed to take on tasks.

Restoration and Nursery Update – November 10 Building with Books work day went well and they donated \$525. We are looking for additional crew leads for the Solstice work day (December 15).

Member Meetings Schedule – January, March, May July, Sept, November. KO moves that we amend the meeting schedule to hold 6 meetings/year on the noted months. KH seconded and the Board unanimously approved this schedule.

Officers – Eleanor moved, KH seconded, and the Board approved the status quo for all officer positions: Mark Rauzon for President, KO for Vice President, Harry Schrauth for Treasurer, and Helen McKinley for Secretary.

Board Recruitment – general discussion

Staff Attendance at Board Meetings – Mark moved, KH seconded, and the Board approved a decision to invite staff to Board meetings quarterly for program

reporting and be compensated for their time. Other staff attendance at Board meetings will be voluntary and not compensated.

Open Meetings Discussion – We will continue to keep Board meetings open.

Other Business - None

Adjourn – Next Meeting December 12, 2007; Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.