

October 14, 2009 – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Friends of Sausal Creek, a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

Attending Board Members: Pat Bacchetti, Harry Schrauth, Kriztian Varza, Kristin Ohlson, Carl Kohnert, Richard Kauffman

Attending Staff: Kimra McAfee, Executive Director

Call to Order 7:09

Annual Appeal – Plans for Preparing and Mailout of the appeal letter were discussed. Letter signing was set for Nov 11, 2009 at Pat's house.

SF Fundraising Summit – Carl and Richard plan to attend; the Board discussed and selected some recommended sessions for attendance.

Board of Directors 2010 and new Board Member Recruitment – The Board discussed potential nominations for office and possibilities for Board member recruitment.

Shade Structure (“Education Pavilion”) – Some reworking of the design thinking and costs is underway. Pat and Kristin will work with Kimra and Megan on further conceptualizations and project definition.

Plant Sale – Pat reported on the Sale preparations and readiness. The plants look good and the event is well organized. Miscellaneous logistical issues were discussed as well.

Nursery Report – (1) Seed hikes have resumed and longer term planning and recovery from the staff turnovers is occurring. We anticipate an increase in plant propagation in the future. (2) The City has approved our tapping into existing electrical. (3) The Board discussed some of the tasks that may need contractual support to accomplish and how we might fund these as well as whom we might contract with for the work. (3) The need for a policy on how plants propagated in the nursery can be allocated among the satellite sites in the watershed was discussed. The Restoration Committee will take up this topic.

Board Retreat Nov. 15, 10:00 to 2:00 – Carl drafted a retreat agenda, with four topic areas, and discussed an approach for preparing the discussion areas in advance.

ED Report – (1) Regional Board update: we now have the model and possibly all of the data. A new subcontract is being awarded to complete the work under Laurel Marcus. (2) Alameda County Dept of Fish and Game Proposal has been submitted. (3) **Whale Tale...Stream Team??? unclear** (4) Beaconsfield Canyon and Sequoia Arena restoration project status reports were provided.

Resolution for Proposal - The Board is required to pass a recommendation to give Kimra authority to make the proposal for the Coastal Conservancy Grant. Carl moved, Harry seconded and the Board unanimously passed Resolution **09-???**

Next Meeting – On December 9, Rob Leidy will provide the Board a presentation regarding the fishery ecosystem of the Creek.

Meeting Adjourned 9:04