

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club
Executive Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 9, 2023; 6:30-8:00 p.m. Zoom meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions

Present: Mike Guth, Jerry Busch, Lani Faulkner, Kristen Sandel, Micah Posner, Jim Danaher.

2. Announcements:

Steve moves to approve, Lani seconds, minutes of the July meeting.

3. Changes to the Agenda

a. Discussion of meeting conflicts and absences from ExCom meetings. Micah will commit to calling Adam. Steve said other Wednesdays each month are also impacted.

4. Treasurer's Report

a. Financials: Steve gave the accounts report.

b. Year End Fundraising possibilities: Steve said he was asked if the Group would want to participate in the fall fundraising. The ExCom consensus was to decline to participate.

5. Climate Committee

a. Meeting Report: Lani gave the report of the last meeting. Mike suggested that the Committee reach out in the form of an article to welcome more members.

6. Conservation Committee

a. Meeting Report: The group discussed attending events and setting up a Sierra Club booth. Mike mentioned that the Group had an Events Committee in the past, and talked about resurrecting the Committee. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

b. Leaf Blowers: Steve McGuirk set up a meeting with Dawn Addis' staff. Senior members of staff did not show. SC told that cannot add this recycle issue to this year's legislative session.

c. Moran Lake area: Mike reported on his meeting with Supervisor Manu Koenig about tree removal.

d. Levee Management: Micah gave a report on the City Council meeting. The City was interested in forming a working group on the issue.

e. River Park Management: Micah reported on a meeting with the city about the river area management. He said lots of ideas were floated, some of them silly. Micah stated the Sierra Club goals at the meeting. Over the next few months, several draft plans will be created and publicized. He also connected with Friends of San Lorenzo Park, and suggested a connection with a neighborhood group. A consultant has been hired by the city. Specific goals pushed by the Group were 1) heritage tree protection and 2) native

plant restoration. A draft is expected in early October.

7. Transportation Committee

- a. Mike gave a report on the state of the Committee. Concern over continual cancelled meetings raised; to be discussed with TransCom Chair and members.
- b. Transportation Summit – Conference information (LF)

8. Political Committee

- a. Micah discussed forming a political committee. Kristen and Magi indicated their interest. Meetings would be held on Tuesdays. Mike nominates Kristen, Magi and Jim as members. The vote is unanimous.

9. Transportation Justice Conference

- a. Lani moved that a transportation-related email for notice of Transportation Summit be sent. Approved unanimous.
- b. Mike discussed attending (on line) a state transportation conference. He highly recommended this. A railroad report is on for August 10.
- c. Mike announced the times for several state legislative committees, which are available online.