

**Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes, September 14th, 2016
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Louden Nelson, Santa Cruz, CA**

Called to Order 6:39

Attending: Keresha Durham, Becca Fenwick, Gillian Greensite, Jack Nelson, Jukka Naukkarinen, Erica Stanojevic

Mary Odegaard, Morgan Ashley-Eguia, Micah Posner, Paul Shelhiemmer

Online Votes

Motion to host a transportation forum event regarding the RTC TRIP ballot measure passed on July 16th

Motion to sponsor the Santa Cruz Open Streets event on October 9th passed on August 10th

Motion to use funds to pay for Sierra Club apparel for use at events passed on August 11th

Motion to determine the Nominations and Elections Committees membership passed on August 20

Approval of Minutes

- May Minutes - Keresha moves to approve the minutes; Jack seconds; unanimous with one abstention due to absence

- July Minutes - Keresha moves to approve the minutes; Gillian seconds; unanimous with one abstention due to absence

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Not much to report; will report more fully quarterly

Political Committee (Keresha)

- Review of Committee Membership

- Ron is chairing the committee; and so may be a good idea to wait for him to be here before discussing committee membership
- Micah wants to know how he can help make the endorsements more useful
- Gillian motions to wait until Ron is here to discuss membership; Keresha seconds; unanimous

Committee Endorsement Recommendations

- Soquel Creek Water District - no recommendations from the political committee
 - Keresha motions that we have no endorsement for the Soquel Creek Water District; Jack seconds; Unanimous
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- We have five recommendations from the political committee for city council; four spots are available
 - Chris Krohn, Steve Schnaar, Drew Glover, Sandy Brown, Steve Pleich
- There is a motion to endorse four rather than five candidates for city council; seconded; unanimous
- There is a motion that our four endorsements are Chris Krohn, Steve Schnaar, Drew Glover, Sandy Brown; seconded; unanimous

Events and Outreach Committee (Morgan)

Report from Outreach Coordinator (Morgan)

- Morgan has sent out a request for volunteers for the various events; hasn't had much response from people
- Keresha recommends checking for interns; also using all modalities (phone, email, etc)
- Also a clipboard to sign up at events
- Becca and Keresha have lists for volunteers

Upcoming Events

- Sept 15 Steve Mandel "The Art of Nature Photography"
- Sept 23-25 Monterey Bay Birding Festival
- Sept 29th, Measure D Forum
- Oct 2, Jessie St Awareness Event

Jessie Street Marsh Event (Erica/Morgan)

- Jukka motions to fund the event (food and promotional materials) with an upper limit of \$200; Keresha seconds; unanimous

Next Meeting – Date TBD in November – location TBD

Conservation Committee (Gillian)

Aptos Village Project Soil Pollution

- Gillian wrote a letter regarding the issue
- Jack motions to send a letter as edited; Becca seconds; unanimous

PG&E Tree Removal Issue

- No response for council regarding this issue; Micah says perhaps he will consider putting it on the agenda for council (however he is concerned that the council will not be favorable)

- Because of this he asks that if he does put it on the agenda that we put forth a big effort to make sure that the community would show up for the meeting
- Micah asks what the city should do legally; Gillian responds that PG&E's claim that it is exempt from CEQA is not accurate; and has a few things that the city could do which the county is doing (case studies for each tree, etc);
- Apparently the county has requested that PG&E halt the project; however PG&E has not halted and there is some serious clear cutting going on
- Erica will call Don and ask him to put on agenda as well

Next Meeting: September 28, 6:30-8:30, Loudon Nelson

Transportation Committee (Jack)

Widening Won't Work campaign is having an event; also they have small fliers and such going out

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Adjourned at 8:28