

Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2017
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Resource Center for Nonviolence

Called to Order 6:37

Attending: Becca Fenwick, Gillian Greensite, Rick Longinotti, Greg McPheeters, Jane Mio, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic, Alex Yasbec
Mary Odegaard, Steve Bakaley

Online Votes

Motion to send a letter to the Regional Transportation Committee regarding having a peer review of the Great Santa Cruz Trail Group (GSCTG) study passed on August 25.

Motion to send letter to Ron Powers regarding the DEIR for the Downtown Recovery Plan passed on September 8.

Welcome – Member comments

Approval of Minutes

- August minutes

Jane “FAR” - floor area ratio - not according to height, according to property footprint

Grammar - move vs. motion

Online vote needs to be recorded

Gillian moves the minutes to be accepted with changes noted; Ron seconded; unanimous except for abstentions due to absence

Treasurer’s Report (Mary)

- Small anonymous donation through paypal

- Update on Chapter Accounting Backlog - Greg has been communicating with Rita in chapter

- Financial person is feeling challenged by doing our payroll

- Commitment to get people to work together to figure it out within a month

- Questions about why we are a “group” and perhaps maybe we can see another way of operating - like under Loma Prieta or as our own chapter

Nominations Committee (Greg)

- Nominations and Elections Process Update

- Clarification of Candidates and Openings

- Elections Schedule

October - Nominations Committee makes recommendations and Petition Candidates can petition

o November – Candidate statements

- o December - Voting
- Greg will post something regarding fact that there are positions open on excom and how membership can get involved
- Becca, Jack, Alex and Greg are planning on stepping down; Jane is up for re-election

Discussion about how outreach regarding getting a regular newsletter - email or otherwise - may help membership be more informed

Events and Outreach Committee (Steve)

- Upcoming Events (Approved)

- o September 21st, "Treasured Lands" slideshow: QT (Tuan) Luong
- o Santa Cruz Open Streets, West Cliff Drive, October 8 2017 9AM – 2PM
- o November 16, Leonie Sherman, "Bicycling around Iceland"
- o January 18, Donna and Peter Thomas "Following John Muir's walk from SF to Yosemite"
- o Date TBD, "Before the Flood" movie
- Valley Women's club event - date TBD

-Committee committed to meeting at least three times a year

-Due to an incident, audience announcement guidelines will have a procedure

-Volunteers needed and having them needs to be considered before approving an event

-Whale watching events - hosted by non-profit Mother Nature's Temple - asked if we would be ok with co-sponsoring a whale watching event

This non-profit gets groups out in nature

Rick moves that we put it on meetup as event not hosted by Sierra Club however of interest; Becca seconds; unanimous

-Alex motions to approve David Casterson event; Rick seconds; unanimous
March 15th David Casterson - North to Alaska

- Website updates to support Events (Steve)

Basically needs an update

Steve would like to support something that looks a lot better

Interested in asking if it is a good idea to spend some time planning for a better site

Would try to get a planning committee going and move it forward

Will pass around templates electronically so we can glance at them

Morgan may be moving on by the end of this year

Gillian supports discussing this sooner rather than later

Transportation Committee (Jack)

- Two events sponsored by Campaign for Sensible Transportation
Parking for Economy, Equity and Environment Sept. 26
Public input Opportunity, Thurs. Sept. 28th City Hall
Gillian moves to co-sponsor events; Jack seconds; unanimous

Highway 1 widening EIR - sounds like may not redo EIR and will massage existing EIR; would take another year; CalTRANS will review internally; may be calling for lawsuit

- Next Meeting: October 18th tentative

Conservation Committee (Gillian)

- Tree Planting update and Sierra Club Commitment

City got grant to plant trees; work to be done in fall and spring; sounds like hundreds of trees

Ask if city can pre-auger the holes

Need to outreach regarding this to get Sierra Club volunteers

Gillian will get more information from city arborist (Leslie Keedy) about the nature of the work, proposed dates, etc.

Jena can hook into Cabrillo students

Becca will get out to undergrads at UCSC

- EIR for Cannabis Cultivation

Public comment period ends October 16th

Mary and Gillian will work on

- City Parks Master Plan

Finalized and forwarded on Sep. 25th Parks commission meeting;

Jane and Gillian will work on

- Drone and Bird Safe Building Ordinance (Jane)

Will set up a time to meet with fire chief Jim Frawley to discuss how state parks have addressed this issue

As of yet, ordinance only addresses human safety not the environment

Will go to council at end of year

- Bird Safe Building Ordinance (Jane)

Looking through ordinances that other cities have developed; and will present to conservation committee and set up appt. w/Planning Director Lee Butler.

- Next Meeting: September 27th

Closed Session –

- Jessie Street Marsh discussion (Erica)

Gillian moves that, with consent from National, that we send a letter from an attorney regarding Jessie Street Marsh, with an eye towards understanding that it may widen to include concerns regarding the Parks Master Plan if needed; Jack seconded; unanimous

Adjourned at 8:34