

**Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes, November 13th, 2019**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Louden Nelson Community Center

301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Called to Order 6:36

Attending: Steve Bakaley, Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Mike Guth, Jane Mio, Rachel O'Malley, Ron Pomerantz, Bruce Sawhill, Erica Stanojevic
Mary Odegaard

Online votes

Welcome & Introductions...5 min

Additions & Deletions to Agenda...10 min

Ron motions to add lawsuit to agenda; Mike seconds;
3-3-2

Ron moves to reconsider; Erica seconds
4 approve; 3 do not approve; 1 abstention

Discussion; not possible to violate attorney/client privilege

Announcements... 5 min

Timeline for Sustainable Santa Cruz County Timeline; will be sent out to excom and transcom
Administrative drafts are not yet publicly available; scoping meeting in February 2020; public
drafts coming out in summer of 2020; DEIR scheduled for after that

Slideshow regarding Walking the Monterey Bay coastline will be next week; candidates
encouraged to attend

Nov. 23rd - tabling at Felton Community Environmental club meeting - is a good meeting; let's
put out the word; Mark Stone will explain environmental laws

Estuary Project - ongoing - having a hard time because there is a group of campers who are
storing stuff in the bushes there and walking up and down the banks which is causing lots of
erosion; they have destroyed two 15 gallon Toyon bushes, each worth some money; destruction
is in neighborhood in \$1000; there is a meeting Friday with a police officer; a thought to connect
with the Homeless Services Center people who may have ideas about how to redirect behavior

Approval of Minutes...5 min

A comment that there is a name misspelling

Mike moves to approve the minutes; Rachel seconds; unanimous other than absentions due to absence

Treasurer's Report (Mary)... 5 min

Balances are positive; event slideshows taking in more than cost; donations still coming in slowly from March fundraiser

Having ok communications with Ventana

A question if it is allowed to pay directly for a meeting room at Louden Nelson and count that as a donation rather than donating to the club and then having the club pay for the rooms

- Sounds like yes this is ok

Executive Committee (Gillian)... 15 min

Update & timeline for elections - Deadline for submitting candidate statement is 18th; Greg Larson will opt to be a petition candidate; Mark Mesti-Miller has requested the mailing list to support candidates and apparently he can obtain it according to National By-Laws; a request to have the policy sent around to excom so we can look at those bylaws

Elections Committee formation - Steve has volunteered; Mike moves Steve as chair for election committee; Gillian seconds; unanimous

Elections committee will ensure ballot counting occurs and make sure that mailings get to National people that need to be informed

Keresha volunteers to count and requests that it is a time she is available (afternoon/evening; 3:30 earliest);

Gillian also willing to be on committee; and volunteers to liaison with chapter

Mike, Mary also volunteer

Rachel is available if needed; Ron also backup

Update on c3 funds

National says Chapter is allocated c3 funds; however they are under no obligation to share that with us

Rachel motions to ask Ventana to ask in a kind way what they are up to; Ron seconds; discussion; motion passes 7-2; Ron will make the call after the elections

A comment that the best way to connect with them is to have one of our members run for Chapter excom

Transportation Committee (Mike)...15 min

Approval of membership - Mike, Keresha, Bruce, Sally Arnold, Steve, Jukka Naukkarinen, Jack Nelson, Micah Poisner, Mark Mesti-Miller, Bob Morgan, Connie Wilson, Jane Ng

Mike please check these names

Approval of Charter - in general specific projects not included in charter. Includes reference to National Transportation policy and Urban Infill policy. Approved by transcom vote already

Steve moves to approve charter; Keresha seconds
Passes 6-1 with two abstentions

Steve moves to approve additional committee members; Ron seconds; unanimous

Conservation Committee (Erica)...15 min

Juristac update - a need to get as many prominent figures/organizations to sign on to the statement of opposition

- Erica, Ron, Rachel, hopefully Steve will communicate and coordinate to get County supervisors, etc to sign statement of opposition

Electro Magnetic Frequency (EMF) update - Many studies suggesting deleterious effects; industry studies do not show such; precautionary principle calls for attention to issue

Guest Presenter...20 min

Adam Scow. Congressional candidate

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 11th 2019