

Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2020

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Louden Nelson

1. Welcome & Introductions

Present:

Micah Posner, Steve McGuirk, Bruce Sawhill, Steve Bakaley, Bob Morgan, Keresha Durham, Mike Guth, Rick Longhinotti, Kristin Sandel, Chris Ryan, Adam Scow, and Jim Danaher,

2. Check ins and announcements

3. Requests to modify the agenda

Code of Conduct Issues: added to agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes from 9/9/2020 ExComm meeting: Minutes approved

5. Treasurer's Report

Steve B gave the report, and also made a request that if someone expects a check from the SC, that person needs to provide a receipt.

6. Publicizing Protect Democracy events. This issue was discussed.

Conservation Committee Report

7. Mike gave the report. Of 9/23 meeting: 1) College Lake follow-up; 2) Felix Street; 3) wharf FDEIR; 4) city of SC code changes;

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9. Hillside development; (ban on 20 degree slope, city).

10. Steve M provided an update about leaf blower issues, provided a report of the 9/23 meeting. A letter to the Planning Commission was proposed. Motion by Mike to approve letter, with Micah's comments, second by Steve . Passes unanimously. Presentation by Chase at special ConsCon meeting re: possible ban on various types of blowers and in different zones in the county. Reviewed positions in other jurisdictions including Loma Prieta's stance. Steve McGuirk

presented the unanimous consensus results of meeting. Focus would first be on two-stroke blowers in residential areas. Action: Steve M wants to send a letter to City. Mike requests that the ExCom approve letter to City Council. Micah offers amendment: come up with action plan to follow up letter. Propose a campaign group, which will decide to send and when to send the letter. Passes unanimously.

Transportation Committee

11. Micah presents letter prepared by Rick Longhinotti. Micah moves to send letter; Mike seconds. Passes unanimously. Rick will edit the letter and get it to Micah in the next 24 hours. Rick from CFST discusses the lawsuit regarding Highway 1 widening.

12. Code of Conduct Issues

A short discussion in closed session was held regarding possible code of, conduct violations on the part of Keresha Durham. The ExCom voted 6 to 1 that Keresha violated the group bylaws and national standard of conduct in sending an election-related email that inaccurately stated SC endorsements. Secondly, the ExCom voted 6 to 1, that Keresha violated the group bylaws and national standard of conduct by representing the Club at a city council meeting when she was specifically barred from doing so at a previous meeting due to potential conflict of interest. ExCom voted 6 to 1 to issue a warning letter to Keresha detailing the violations. ExCom voted 5 to 1, with 1 abstention, to notify the Nominating Committee to make them aware of the violations. Micah would like to schedule a special meeting regarding the violations, and he will write a warning letter to Keresha, and the letter will be reviewed by email.

Next meeting: Wednesday November 11, 2020