

SIERRA CLUB SANTA CRUZ GROUP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MAY 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome: Present: Micah Posner, Steve McGuirk, Steve Bakaley, Jerry Busch, Adam Scow, Mike Guth, Bruce Sawhill, Kristen Sandel, Jim Danaher.
2. Checks-Ins & Announcements: Jerry spoke about the Adoptive Management Plan for College Lake. Gillian talked about “food waste” and a presentation to the parks and recreation committee. She mentioned that a “four can” option is being considered. Gillian also spoke about lights on the levee, and the People’s Democratic Club, with John Laird speaking on May 13th meeting about waivers of inclusionary requirements.
3. Requests to Modify Agenda: The executive committee portion of the meeting about the uncomfortable environment is put to the end of the agenda for a closed discussion.
4. Prior Minutes: Minutes from April 14th and 21st were not yet prepared for consideration.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Steve Bakaley gave the report, stating that balances are about the same.
6. ExComm Vacancy: Steve B made a motion to appoint Jerry to Bob’s vacated position. Mike seconded. Passes unanimously.
7. Analysis of “Uncomfortable Situation: This was moved to the end of the agenda but was not discussed due to lack of time.

Conservation Committee

8. Report: Mike Guth gave the report, followed by a discussion of College Lake, leaf blowers. Adam gave the report on pesticides in the south county, and encourages the Club to become an ally on the effort to reduce or eliminate the toxic pesticide problem. Steve B encouraged Adam to bring this up with the ConsCom for consideration. Jerry moves that the SC should support a move to all organic agriculture, and that the issue should go to the ConsCom. Micah asks about the proposed ban on methyl bromide.
9. Lighting: Gillian requested that the Club support the recommendations from the IDA to reduce the negative impact from lighting on the levee. Jerry moves that the Club send a letter to adopt measures to reduce the impact of installing lighting on the river levee. Jerry, Gillian and Micah will write the letter and deliver it by Friday’s deadline.

Transportation Committee

10. Rick agrees to act as the temporary TransCom chair. Micah nominates him. Passes unanimously. Micah gave the TransCom report, including how to handle a replacement for Bob. Lisa, Rick and Micah agreed to step up their participation to fill the void.
11. Proposed Ballot Initiative for Green Downtown: Micah presented the points about the proposed initiative, and the procedure for getting Club permission to be involved in the initiative effort. Mike moves that we support Micah in crafting the proposed initiative. Steve B seconds. In favor: Unanimous.
12. Highway Funds: CFST has asked the Club for financial contribution to the CalTrans lawsuit. Discussion followed. Motion to contribute \$2000 to the lawsuit on the condition that the Chapter donated \$5000 within 30 days. Approved 5 to 3.
13. Next Meeting: June 9, 2021.