

Friends of Montclair Railroad Trail
Annual Meeting
April 9, 2011
US Bank

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Chair Barbara Brochard

Chair Brochard introduced the Board members, all of whom were present.

Henry Schott gave a Treasurer's report, noting that in the first year we had spent about half of the income we received, leaving a balance of about \$600.

The by-laws were amended to change the name to Friends of Montclair Railroad Trail.

There were no Board nominations.

Chair Brochard reviewed the year's accomplishments:

- Organized our committees and prioritized our goals
- Advocated for City to fix lip in pavement at one side of Snake Road Bridge and to start drainage work at Tiffany Lane
- Held 12 work days – rain and shine
- Initiated the restoration of one meadow
- Pulled many invasive plants
- Moved chunks of concrete debris off the trail
- Created a beautiful website
- Made alliances with other nonprofits such as:
 - Friends of Sausal Creek for advising on and providing plants
 - Montclair Village Assoc has agreed to try to collect tools
 - Shepherd Home Owners Association has a member on our board and has helped us with our anti-graffiti team

Chair Brochard also acknowledged the contributions of several volunteers who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to improve the trail: Nancy Gerow, Lorraine Cornell, Wendy Tokuda, and Jennifer and Steve Briganti.

Mike Petouhoff summarized the priorities the Public Works Committee is pursuing, describing in detail the problem of guardrails between Saroni and Paso Robles. They were removed during the storm drain repair work. There is a design to replace them with code-compliant guard rails, and most of the necessary funding has been identified. He appealed to members to contact the City urging them to commit the funds to re-install guard rails.

Vice-Chair Jim Dexter described plans for the coming year:

- Work with FOMRRT and SCHA through the City with Fire Prevention Assessment District to develop a year round plan for fire prevention
- Purchase a storage container and specialty tools for recalcitrant roots, permanent tools & signs

- Remove more invasive species
- Restore another meadow
- Continue to advocate to the City on behalf of guardrail, drainage and other hardscape issues
- Develop a brochure for our organization
- Educate neighbors along trail re invasive species
- Better signage which will include a consolidation of rules signs. Much organizational work has already been done on this.
- Photo journal on website

Carol Copperud described the opportunities that have been identified for volunteers and distributed sign-up forms (attached).

Discussion addressed the following topics:

- Drainage issues
- Making dog poop clean-up a priority for the coming year
- Making contact with the Lions Club and with Veloraptors as two ways to expand membership
- Requesting that the Problem Solving Officer ride the bike trail occasionally, particularly to notice graffiti problems.
- Installing mileage markers
- Posting the Public Works call center on the website to report problems on the trail related to fallen trees, slides, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.