

Friends of Montclair RR Trail
Meeting of the Board
April 23, 2010
Pacific National Bank

Present: Lin Barron, Carolyn Burd, Adrienne Bryant, Carol Copperud, Henry Schott, Chee Yan Ong, Mike Petouhoff, Mel Terry

Chair Lin Barron called the meeting to order at 3:06.

The minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting of the Interim Board were approved.

Members of the Board signed the By-Laws, which the secretary will post on Google Documents.

The secretary will collect proposed amendments to the by-laws to be presented at one time to the full membership.

The officers were approved: Lin Barron, Chair; Carolyn Burd, Treasurer; Carol Copperud, Secretary.

Discussion of length of terms for individual Board members (one or two years) was tabled.

The group could not agree on a meeting date for future meetings. L. Barron will schedule the next meeting at the convenience of Felicia Verdin. Future meetings will be organized by Doodle, either by C. Burd or C. Copperud.

Committees:

Public Works Committee. L. Barron noted the Public Works issues that need monitoring. H. Schott will work with Herb Bryant, Mike Petouhoff and Mick Diede to birddog City action. In addition to existing issues of drainage, the bridge transitions from the trail, other hazards next to the Snake Road bridge were noted. H. Schott and M. Petouhoff are scheduled to walk the trail with Kevin Kashi on Monday, April 25. John Alderson (Public Works) is the person to work with on the bollards at the Corporation Yard and removing/replacing the fence above Paso Robles. The Committee will work with the City to include an estimate for the fallen guardrails in the upcoming City's capital budget.

Marketing/Communications. C. Burd and C. Ong will work on communications strategies with Sherry Nichols who has volunteered her services.

Stewardship. C. Burd shared a spreadsheet of observations and suggestions from the April work party. L. Barron will ask Karl Nichols if he would be willing to serve as lead for work parties. She, Karl and Jim Dexter will meet with C. Burd to discuss her suggestions for improved work parties, with the goal of expanding participation and membership.

Vegetation Management. This committee does not yet exist, but members agreed it should be formed as a group separate from the Stewardship Committee. It will communicate information about invasive species, native plants, and how neighbors adjacent to the trail can plant their own gardens with awareness of potential impacts on the trail.

Public Safety. Mel Terry has started conversations with the Magellan Neighborhood Watch contact person who agreed that the FOMRRT can use their blog. Further discussion of how or whether to create a “neighborhood watch” group for the trail is deferred until after Felicia Verdin and block captains meet with the Board. Members agreed that it is important not to give the impression that the trail is crime-ridden.

Sign Committee. The members of the Sign Committee agreed to make a presentation to the Board at the meeting after the meeting on public safety.

Other actions and discussion:

The Board agreed it was too early to name a Volunteer Coordinator.

The Board agreed to ask the secretary to send a request to the mailing list for a graphic designer to provide a new logo.

The Board voted to stop printing flyers for workdays, except a few which can be posted at Starbucks, and attached to the portable stands (but without extra copies that people can take). Use the email list to encourage people who have said they want to be notified of work parties. Karl Nichols will be asked to provide the secretary with text for these email announcements. L. Barron and C. Burd will review his text before it is sent to the secretary for mailing.

The Treasurer reported that there is \$609.34 in the bank account.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

Carol Copperud
Secretary

Approved as amended: August 2, 2010