Friends of Montclair Railroad Trail (FOMRRT)
Meeting of the Board
April 2, 2014
Home of Chair Barbara Brochard
Present:  Lin Barron, Barbara Brochard, and Henry Schott

Absent: Mike Petouhoff

Chair Brochard called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

The minutes for the January 15, 2014 Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**:

Year-end Report: spent $368 more than incoming funds for 2013-14 year. However we had a reserve to buffer the overage. As of the end of the fiscal year, $399.30 is available in the bank. In addition, a $75 donation was just deposited on today’s date.

***Action item Henry:***  will make a packet of reports for the new in-coming board members.

**Chair’s Report**:

FOMRRT Tax Status Clarification (by Chair Brochard):

Friends of Montclair RR Trail is a ***509(a)3*** tax exempt organization – for organizations under $50,000.

Barbara has received bids for a rock retaining wall behind the parking garage; these will go to Dan Swafford, executive director of the Montclair Business Assn.,

Chair suggested we have a roster of important organizations and contacts.

***Action Item****:* Secretary to prepare and maintain roster.

***Action item Lin***: send logo to Henry & Barbara

***Action item Barbara:*** will contact Dan Swafford about funds allocated by MVA several years ago for a sign to the trail in the Village. (Mike Petouhoff has other details about design.)

**Committee Reports**

Workday: Earth Day April 26th , not our usual 3rd Saturday

It was decided to work in the area of the cut around the ½ mile mile-marker:

 Deepen ditch off-trail and move edge into hill-side

 Clean-up euc debris and dirt

 Pull broom

Motion by Henry, seconded & approved: make small poppy seed packets for Earth Day

***Action item Henry***: will prepare poppy seed packets for Earth Day give-away

***Action item Lin***: send bulk poppy seed sources to Henry for purchase

Hardscape: drainage at Bishops Ct held up well during last rainstorms.

The trail asphalt is deteriorating in many spots – should be repaired in the dry season.

Motion by Henry, seconded and approved, to “purchase $40 worth of cold-patch asphalt.” .

Sign Committee:

Mike Petouhoff was not able to present information about signs. Chair will be in contact with him for another session to present.

**Annual Membership Meeting**

Discussion of details – presentation, refreshments, ballots for new slate of board members.

Motion to spend $$, approved & seconded: to spend up to $30 on snacks & up to $20 on coffee

Lin to ask for a coffee donation from Peets, Barbara to buy snacks

***Action item*** ***Barbara***: presentation for a summary of 2013 accomplishments.

***Action item Lin***: to make Earth Day announcement handouts

***Action item Lin***: contact Jeff & Valerie to attend membership meeting

**Next Board Meeting** will be the first Wednesday of May, May 7th -- time TBD by Barbara

***Action item*** ***Barbara***: will poll board for best time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Barron, Secretary