

Friends of Montclair Railroad Trail (FOMRRT)

Meeting of the Board

June 5, 2013

Home of President Barbara Brochard

Present: Lin Barron, Barbara Brochard, and Henry Schott

Absent: Mike Petouhoff

Guests: Jim Gavin, Mileage Marker project, and Linda Olvera, potential board member

Chair Barbara Brochard called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The minutes for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting were approved.

The minutes for the April Annual Meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$748.73.

### **Committee Reports**

Vegetation: L. Barron reported that there is now a new manager, Michelle Krieg, for the Joaquin Miller Native Plant Nursery as of May 31, 2013. Karen Paulsell, Michelle, and Lin will meet to discuss a plant list from the nursery for FOMRRT's winter planting.

Hardscape: Mike was absent. No report or action

Sign Committee: no report or action. No new proposals were made.

### **Old Business**

Fire Suppression meeting. Friends of Sausal Creek board and Garber Park Stewards had reservations in endorsing the Wildfire Prevention District Campaign for district renewal. Wendy Tokuda called a meeting with representatives for Garber Park Stewards, Shepherd Canyon Homeowners Assn., Beaconsfield, FOOSC, Friends of Montclair RR Trail, plus concerned neighbors. The group agreed there were changes that should be made for vegetation management in the renewed WFPD and discussed how to approach the new Fire Chief and Camille Rodgers, OFD Supervisor. Wendy will follow-up with the group after her initial queries to Camille in order to devise a strategy for addressing OFD and the Wildfire Prevention District.

Trail Stream: The "stream" so carefully tended by N. Gerow dried up the week of May 27th. It disappeared after EBMUD was seen doing road work up on Drake Drive.

### **New Business**

L. Barron and H. Schott will supervise the June 15 work party which will be held at Cortereal Hollow to clear thistle, hemlock and blackberry.

H. Schott returned his purchase of two cultivators to Home Depot as they were too small for mulch work. L. Barron will buy 2 potato pullers on-line.

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of FOMRRT was held on the trail at the Snake Road Bridge on April 27. An oversized map to highlight future projects and some

posters of volunteer activities were on display. The slate of candidates for the 2013-14 Board included Barbara Brochard, Henry Schott, Lin Barron, and Mike Petouhoff. Linda Olvera volunteered (by phone with B. Brochard) possibly joining the board after visiting a board meeting.

The slate was elected. B. Brochard will continue as Chair, H. Schott as Treasurer, and L. Barron will be Secretary.

Mileage Markers: Jim Gavin and B. Brochard discussed further details on progress with the markers and showed a sketch of the post with a 45 degree slant at the top and the graphics. The City of Oakland will auger the post holes for free according to Martin Matarrese of Public Works. The graphics design will be modified to include the new Oakland Parks and Recreation logo. There is a question about posting both kilometers and miles. The plaque will be attached to each post with one-way screws; the plaques are made of plastic and will be easy to clean in the case of graffiti. Jim will pre-assemble the posts, stain them a “natural redwood” and seal the cut surfaces. The posts will be positioned deep enough so that the height is 2 feet ( $\pm$ ) above grade to make it difficult to knock over.

Cars on the Trail: A resident wrote in about a car driving on the trail at 3am and a problem with some GPS systems that show the trail as a road. He has requested a correction with Google(?). B. Brochard asked OPW David Lonestar to re-install a (unlocked) bollard at Bishops Ct. where there is already a hole for one and for a reflective sign on the OPW Corp Yard gate. She will continue to work with OPW on these items.

Trail Survey Binder: The detailed survey developed by C. Copperud for specific project plans for each segment of the trail has been reviewed by L. Barron. She will pass the binder to B. Brochard to review. H. Schott suggested each of us take a “small sliver” of the document to review. The initial draft document needs further edits by Carol.

Linda Olvera: described her background and community activities. She suggested FOMRRT get on Councilmember Libby SchAAF’s newsletter calendar.

The meeting adjourned around 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Barron, Secretary