

FTDNC BOARD MEMBERS

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John Blue
Fritz Bronner
Dale Gibson
Ken Keeble



**FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Minutes

10/16/2008 - 7to9pm

GENERAL MEETING

Vinedale Elementary School, La Tuna Canyon Rd.

A. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call – COMMENCEMENT AT 7:05 PM.

PRESENT: BART PAUL, KEVIN DAVIS, BILLY HAYS, CRIS HUGHES, NANCY WOODRUFF, ROYAN HERMAN, DALE GIBSON, CILE BORMAN, TERRY KAISER, KEN KEEBLE, FRITZ BRONNER, KRIS SABO, CHERYL GRESLIE, ERWING DAVIS, JOHN BLUE (100% attendance)

B. Comments by public representatives. (15 min)

Angela Motta –

- Senior action fair - Nov. 7. Flyer distributed. Sunland Senior Center locale from 8:30 am to 1 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served.
- Tip a Cop - Acapulco Restaurant, Nov. 18 - 11 am to 9 pm. Collecting to help children at risk.
- Wentworth Storage Container – LAPD trying to learn ownership. Plans afoot to impound.

Jarrod Degonia –

- District Dir. For Assemblyman Cameron Smythe, 38th District... Outreach to Fire Victims. One stop shop for available agencies to help victims. He can be reached at (661) 286-1565 or Jarrod.DeGonia@asm.ca.gov.

Grayce Liu -

- DONE is prepared to reimburse NC board members that worked as fire emergency helpers.
- Grayce is being promoted to senior project coordinator.
- Check for ATV's to Terry Kaiser.

C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (three minutes each only) (25 min.)

Marlene Rader –

- Kagel Problems during fire emergency – Animal Control stopped private rescue horse trailers.
- Animal Control did not have enough trailers to evacuate horses.

Mary Ann Geyer -

- In March, money allocated to replace stolen Vinedale School computers in the amount of \$10,000. Money is not forthcoming. Please help. Six months late.

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Mary Ann Geyer –

- Document submitted to Bart. Request to remove Article 7 changes because document is a total replacement for Article 7.

Kris Sabo –

- Brought home budget survey form from Congress and Budget Day. Board members and others should complete survey to guide budgeting process. Complete by Jan. 9,
- All department budgets to be cut.

Royan Herman –

- Dale Gibson, Kris Sabo and Royan Herman are independently collecting for fire victims. We should bring separate efforts together into one for greater effectiveness.

Nancy Woodruff

- Can go on line to find Mayor's Survey. www.lacityneighborhoods.com
- Went to forum called "Cutting the Red Tape" Gave my name to Mr. Lara who returned call and offered help, as needed.
- Second Forum – LANC meeting.

Dale Gibson -

- Ride for a Cure earned \$37,000, \$11,000 more than 2007 despite rain on closing day.

Kris Sabo –

- Fire damaged articles will be picked up by Sanitation at no cost.

John Blue –

- Anthem Waste Disposal EIR hearing at 6:30 PM. Call Mary Benson.

Fritz Bronner –

- Sidney and Wilbur are 2 horses now sworn in as part of Park Ranger mounted program.

Terry Kaiser –

- Dedication for installation of trained, donated Ranger horses to Rec and Parks was attended by political reps and department GM's. Terry is told that the dedication for the new ATV's will be equally prestigious.

D. Approval and possible corrections of Aug. 21, General Meeting minutes, and Sept. 18 General Meeting minutes (10 min)

August 21, 2008 minutes: Motion for passage moved by Ken Keeble, seconded by Dale Gibson. Motion passed. Kris Sabo sole opposition vote.

September 18, 2008 minutes, Motion to approve as corrected by Terry Kaiser, seconded by Erwing Davis. Approval unanimous.

Fritz Bronner –

- Correction - Spell name correctly.
- David Levin requests Fritz to read portions of his comments into the Sept. 18 minutes. (Fritz reads part of request until board members spontaneously object.

Bart Paul –

- Correction. Minutes should include gist of David Levin comments.

Fritz Bronner –

- Motion to include Levin comments made by Fritz, seconded by Erwing Davis - Motion fails 8 opposed, 7 in favor.
- Comments will not be added to September 18 minutes.

Kevin Davis –

- Submits list of budget changes for approval and offers board an opportunity to approve in one vote.

Mary Ann Geyer –

- Item #1 was request for \$200, sent to budget committee.
- Item #5 sent to budget committee.
- Item # 14 was a vote and approved unanimously.
- No item #9 on agenda.
- Computer training was approved at \$500, not \$600. Royan concurs. Kevin states that committee made amount into slightly higher \$600.

Terry Kaiser -

- Requested payment of \$600, plus tax for recorder and camera. Referred to Budget committee.
- Objections to adding taxes results in submission and vote on amendment to budget item. The amendment passed and taxes are in addition to the \$600 cost of a recorder and digital camera.

Nancy Woodruff -

- Referred office supply item back to Budget Committee.

(NOTE TO ROYAN – EMAIL SEPT. 18 MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS TO ALL)

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (25 minutes)

1. Finance Committee – Treasurer’s report (Kevin Davis) Budget and Finance Committee

1. \$600 for Cris Hughes computer training to be paid out of the Office Equipment line item.
2. Miscellaneous line item to be created in Outreach and Operations budgets: (i.) \$100 to be reassigned per quarter from Newsletter line item, (ii). \$100 to be reassigned per quarter from Staffing line item.
3. \$5000 Community Project line item in the 2nd Quarter of the FY 2008-09 budget be set aside as matching funds for Phase II of the Stonehurst “Pathway through the Community Project.”
4. Approved \$600 from Outreach budget for “Ride for a Cure” event be increased to \$700.
5. Request to spend maximum from Operations budget of \$300 each for recorder and digital camera. Board amendment by Terry Kaiser, Fritz Bronner second to increase this item to \$350.00
6. Request to spend \$100 from Outreach to reimburse for Stonehurst Trail dedication refreshments.
7. \$250 maximum to be designated for minutes of each general meeting.

Motion to approve Fritz Bronner, seconded by Kevin Davis. Motion passed. Ken Keeble opposed.

Kevin shows total current balance, as per funding report, - \$121, 726.74. Written Treasurers Report submitted by Kevin.

2. Rules and Elections (Billy Hays)

Billy Hays - Not enough time to lay out changes this evening.

Bart Paul – Recommends a special meeting to address by Law changes.

Linda Greco – It has taken weeks to make changes. Not possible to make all changes in one meeting.

Grayce Liu - Recommends that by law changes be made in one or more special meetings.

Ken Keeble – Please vote on G2 bylaws change – as follows: Article VII, Board of Directors, E. Committees, d.

(From)

d. “All committee formation periods shall be 30 days, but shall be extended until a minimum membership is reached. After formation period additional members may be added by majority vote of the committee members.”

(to)

d. “All committee formation periods shall be 45 days, but shall be extended until a minimum membership is reached. After the formation period additional members may be added by a majority vote of the committee members.” (5 min)

Motion as resolution by Billy Hays, Seconded by Cheryl Greslie. Unanimous pass.

3. Land Use (Nancy Woodruff)

- Fritz is Vice Chair. Fritz achieved exceptional success by convincing City Council to prevent a lot split into 3, 11,000 parcels and, instead, approving two horse keeping lots . Lot on Longford in LVT.
- Fuhrman’s final approval meeting on October 24, 2008. 9955 Sunland.

4. Outreach (Cris Hughes)

- Area 4 event had good coverage.
- We need a pop up with name, table and a few out door chairs.
- Calendar appears to be too costly.
- Area one outreach event from 4 to 8 pm on October 31.

5. Lopez Canyon subcommittee (Marlene Rader)

- No news other than mention of fire damage to facility.

6. Equestrian committee (Royan Herman) CIS motion by Fritz, Dale seconds. Unanimous CIS.

- **Community Impact Statement: “Re: Horse Advisory Task Force (CF 07-4097)**

By a Board vote of ___ to ____, The Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council resolves to rge the creation of a Horse Advisory Task Force, to be supported with an appropriate commitment of resources from each of the necessary and applicable city departments. The city’s remaining equestrian communities have a pressing need for an advisory body within city government to advocate for the interests – both commercial and private – of the growing equestrian population and economy.”

Royan states that CIS was not needed for Arts, Parks, Aging, Etc. committee meeting because Councilman LaBonge supports the Horse Advisory Task Force, but it is now needed to encourage the City Council to approve the motion.

GENERAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9: 02 PM
(following general meeting items tabled)

F. President’s announcements

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Letter to Mali Bakhtar in re FTDNC Area 2 Outreach event of Aug. 23, 2008. (10 min)

2. By-Law change:

3.By-Law changes:

Article VII – Board of Directors

A. Election of the Board

B. Selection of Ex-Officio members

C. Officer’s Duties (see supporting document for specific language) (10 minutes –

Billy Hays)

I. Comments from the FTDNC Board (two minutes only)

J. Adjournment

SPECIAL MEETING

Immediately following the general meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm
All board members remain in attendance.

Kevin Requests that board pre- determines an 'up to' amount from our quarterly budget for response to emergencies.

Dale suggests that we refer to committee for amounts and use amounts that Kevin can approve that are small in the meantime

Kris Sabo motion:

- Make emergency funds a line item. Amount to be determined. Refer to Budget Committee for recommendations. Motion by Kris Sabo. Seconded by Ken Keeble. Motion passed. Dale Gibson Abstained.

END OF SPECIAL MEETING