

Santa Clara County Open Space Authority  
**Citizen's Advisory Committee**

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**Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting  
 Meeting Summary**

7:00 PM on Monday, May 18, 2009  
 Open Space Authority Administration Office

**Attendees:**

**Citizen Advisory Committee Members:**

Name	Represent	Present	Absent
Susan McKuhen	District 1	√	-
Vacant	District 2	-	-
Jan Hintermeister	District 3	√	-
Eric Carruthers	District 4	-	√
Chris Kangas	District 5	-	√
John Fioretta	District 6	√	-
Vacant	District 7	-	-
Vacant	Agriculture	-	-
Mandy McClellan	Business	-	√
Vacant	Civic Organizations	-	-
Daniel J. Kenney	Development Community	√	-
Gloria Dirkmaat	Education	√	-
David Poeschel	Environmental	√	-
Son Cheong (C.K.) Kuan	Labor	-	√
Dorsey Moore	Parks	√	-
Kitty Monahan	Trails	√	-
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

**Other Attendees:**

**Board Liaison Present:** none

**Staff Present:** Patrick Congdon

**Public Present:** none

**Action Items:**

Task	Lead	Due Date	✓
<b>From May 18, 2009 Meeting</b>			
Present the CAC's Agricultural Land Conservation Organization Study Recommendations OSA Board of Directors	Eric Carruthers & Dorsey Moore	June 11, 2009	✓
Report out on final recommendations for fairgrounds	Dave Poeschel	May 21, 2009	✓

1. **Call to Order at 7:09** – Dorsey Moore, Chairman
  - Approved excused absences – Chris Kangas, Mandy McClellan, Eric Carruthers
  - Introduction of Guests – Patrick Congdon
  
2. **Public Presentations for Items not Listed on the Agenda (Limit: 3 minutes)**  
 No public presentations were made.
  
3. **Summary Report of April 27, 2009 Meeting Approved**
  
4. **Member Report – John Fioretta**
  - Original OSA CAC Chairman
  - Patrick thanked him for his copious notes which have been used on many occasions over the years
  - He has been involved in the Santa Clara Greenbelt Coalitions and the Santa Clara Greenbelt Alliance

- 1994 involved in the Benefit Assessment which resulted in first in a lawsuit by taxpayers that caused the funding to be held up and when released in favor of the OSA provided the funding to start acquiring land.
- Involved in the Greenline Campaign in 2000
- Retired from the District Attorney's office
- He complimented the OSA for all that they have accomplished to date.

## 5. Reports

### A. Board Liaison Report – none

### B. Authority Staff Report – Patrick Congdon

- Presented the draft budget to the OSA Board last week. It is almost identical to the last season with the exception of the addition of a seasonal field technician to work July through October. This position will be funded by money not used for Josh's position which they will not be filling.
- Purchasing a new vehicle for field work. The old one is over 200K and cost too much in repairs
- Looking a renting additional space, but can't enter into an agreement at this time because of budget issues.
- Revenue expense of VTA site: Getting return of 3.2% on endowment funds and meeting OSA commitments
- Update on two new properties:
  - Should be finalizing the purchase of the two properties (234 acres) for close to \$743K. They are beautiful properties that bring the OSA very close to connection Rancho Canada del Oro and the Almaden Quicksilver Park.
  - POST is working with the families that own the 100 acres that separate the properties.
  - There is a 10-acre parcel near Mt. Chual that OSA is in negotiation with the owners. Jan asked if POST was interested in helping us and Patrick said that they are seeing more and more interest from potential donors. Post is willing to go into urban areas too. There are things in Morgan Hill and El Toro going on now.
- Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District is still working on Twin Creeks
- Working with the O'Day properties and talking with the family
- There was a Hoof and Hike Event at the Blair property and about 75 participated. Public keeps asking when Blair will be open and the response is once OSA gets additional funding.
- Trying to get acquisitions to keep OSA in the public eye. This gives OSA good PR and gets the message out they we are trying to preserving the habitat and make trails available to the public.
- Working with colleges and universities in the area:
  1. Rancho del Oro is supporting a biodiversity class from SJSU. It serves as a field laboratory
  2. Coyote Ridge has two grad students from UCSC doing a study
  3. DeAnza Community College is doing a story on corridor issues (animal migration) and is placing cameras where wildlife crosses moving eastward. They are also offering a wildlife tracking class to train level 2 or 3 trackers.
  4. Dr. Wilmer, a professor from UCSC is doing mountain lion studies with a primary focus on coastal Santa Cruz mountains and moving eastward. He will to field work Oro and hopes to track and collar a lion with GPS, Radio Telemetry to study not only migration patterns but when lion is at rest and engaged in other activities.
  5. Doing more and more with universities and getting a lot of information for very little money

6. West Valley Community College – Patrick is teaching classes and had them develop trails on OSA lands as an assignment.

7. Gavilan Community College – Biological Science program is interested in taking students to do studies on the Doan, Pallasou and Rancho del Oro lands.

- By next week there should be a District 2 settlement. The two issues should be combined into one settlement decision
- Kitty asked about the OSA activity on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Pallasou. Patrick said the information is on the website. It should start a 9 or 10 am and they are going to Dexter Canyon. Park on the Gilroy Hot Springs Rd by the stone house, cross the creek and then they will be just hiking. It is not a hike focused on a them. They will be just showing the canyon. It will be a nice shady walk and may have the opportunity to see the foothill yellow-footed frog. There is no limit on the number than can go and so there is no reservation required.
- Dorsey asked if the minutes from the Ag workshop get out and Patrick said that they were still waiting for more input.
- David mentioned that the other night on the public TV broadcast of the supervisor's meeting, someone was trying to get money set aside for the Willow Glen Spur trail. It was announced that there was a meeting on the trail at the Willows (2175 Lincoln Ave. San Jose) from 7-8pm on May 21st. The parcels are still for sale by the railroad as the last deal fell through.

C. Members – none

D. CAC Chairperson – Dorsey Moore

- Healthy Silicon Valley (which promotes healthy eating habits and exercise) is breaking off from the Healthy Trust.
- Ag Recommendation presentation will be given to the OSA Board on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The time to be determined.

**6. Unfinished Business**

- Sub-Committee on the Santa Clara Fairgrounds recommendations report
  1. Members: Kitty, Susan, CK and David
  2. Compiled recommendations and prepared a handout which was distributed
  3. Sub –committee took into account public opinion as well as opinions of CAC members
  4. CAC members reviewed document and Susan had some recommendations that did not change content but just the “flow” of the document. She will edit the document.
  5. CAC Committee members agreed that the content reflected our opinions and agreed that Susan could make the edit revisions
  6. John asked if the document needed a conclusion, but it was decided that the Board could take that up
  7. Recommendation was made to take this document to the OSA Board with the minor wordsmithing revisions by Susan.  
Motion: Kitty                      Second: David                      8 Ayes
  8. Patrick asked what is the timeline intent in taking this to the Board and Dorsey said as soon as the wordsmithing was done. Susan would try and have it all done by Thursday. Patrick said it was okay to wait until June 11<sup>th</sup>, but the committee wanted to get it to the Board by this Thursday, if possible because David felt that Garnetta wanted to have it done.
- Draft Workplan: Members were asked to review it between now and the next CAC meeting so that it could be approved in June.
  1. David asked about the outreach program issues which are waiting for the lawsuit settlement to be completed

2. CK's request for a joint CAC and Board meeting to review the budget was brought forward and Patrick stated there would be no joint meeting this year. The budget is basically the same. Patrick said that by the time the CAC meets in June the opportunity to comment will have passed.

3. David told Patrick that the CAC members would like prior notice to attend the meetings and the group confirmed that they are getting email agendas on the Board meetings at this time.

- Jan suggested that we bring in Terri, Lark and Derrick to talk to the CAC and report on how things are going

#### **7. New Business – none**

#### **9. Items for next meeting**

- A. Next member presentation: Chris Kangas
- B. Approval of CAC Workplan
- C. Ask Teri or Lark to present information on the outreach program

#### **10. Announcements**

##### **A. CAC Members**

- Kitty: The Wildflower Saturday was successful with about 40 people participating. They had to identify 14 flowers and were provided worksheets to help in the search. It was a great event.
- Gloria: Announced she will unfortunately have to resign as she has taken a job in San Mateo and will be moving mid June out of the county. She expressed appreciation and respect for all the members who serve on the CAC and the important work they do. She was grateful for all their support in training her. She will be working with Teri to find an Education Representative replacement
- Susan: Will send out an email with information on the San Jose Peace Choral performance coming up.
- Dorsey: Asked Patrick if the Silicon Valley Land Conservancy had made any announcement yet and Patrick said not to date.

**Adjourned** at 8:43 pm

cc: Garnetta Annable, Boardmember Liaison

Meeting summary by Gloria Dirkmaat