

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

7:00 PM on Monday, June 22, 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	-	x
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	-	x
Vacant	Education	-	-
David Poeschel	Environmental	-	x
Son Cheong (C.K.) Kuan	Labor	√	-
Dorsey Moore	Parks	√	-
Kitty Monahan	Trails	√	-
	Totals	8	3

Other Attendees:

Board Liaison Present:

The Honorable **Garnetta Annable** – Director, District Four

Staff Present: Pat Congdon, Lark Burkhart

Public Present: Denise Cuenta

1. **Call to Order at 7:04** – Dorsey More, Chairperson
 - Approved excused absences – [I didn't get these]
 - Introduction of Guests –
 - Garnetta Annable, Director, District Four
 - Lark Brookhart, Staff, Public Information Specialist
 - Denise Cuenta, interested citizen

2. **Public Presentations for Items not Listed on the Agenda (Limit: 3 minutes)**
 None (Items NOT listed on the agenda).

3. **Summary Report of May 18, 2009** -- Meeting Summary Approved with Minor Corrections

4. **Member Report** – Chris Kangas. Chris gave a detailed and interesting power point presentation about his volunteer work building and maintaining trails at Henry Coe State Park. In brief, Coe is the largest state park in northern California with 400 miles of trails, but has very few paid staff. Six different groups comprised of hundreds of volunteers build and maintain trails within the park. Chris primarily volunteers with 10-25 others interested in maintaining single-track trails for hiking and mountain bike riding. They emphasize safety, resource (habitat and historical) protection, enhanced user experience, interpretation, and fun. They do their work good weather or bad. Chris has worked on 20 trails over the past three years. He showed numerous photos of trail work in progress and completed. CAC members complimented Chris for his excellent presentation and worthwhile work.

5. Reports

- A. Board Liaison Report – Pat Congdon gave it for Garnetta Annable. He said that on Thursday the Board will approve the FY2009 - 10 budget, which will allow the purchase of a few pieces of property, the addition of one staff position, and the purchase of one new vehicle. Eric asked about the availability of bond money. Pat said that federal stimulus money may be available if there is a nexus with infrastructure, otherwise it will be difficult to obtain. But private foundation money exists. The Nature Conservancy is shifting from purchasing to stewardship. Garnetta said the Highways 101 widening and 152/25 corridor project were the two most important projects for receiving trail or agriculture mitigation money.
- B. Authority Staff – Regarding the lawsuit, Pat said the information packet will be sent to the public on Thursday. He described the terms of the settlement. Dorsey asked if there were any restrictions on how the money may be spent. Pat said that the OSA can do anything with the settlement money as long as it is for open space purposes. Garnetta said that the eyes of the community will be on the OSA. She thought that the settlement money should be used for acquisition and making property accessible to the public. Kitty said that some money should be budgeted to open the Palassou.
- C. Members –
 - Kitty: The Dexter Creek hike in the Palassou was great!
 - Chris: County Park Day Camp starts soon. E-mail him or Kitty for further information.
 - Eric: The Committee for Green Foothills tour of urban agriculture sites is this weekend.
 - Dorsey: Distributed new staff roster and said that Sierra Vista property was being heavily utilized.

6. Unfinished Business –

- A. Bay Area Agricultural Land Conservation Recommendations: Dorsey said these recommendations had been given to the Board, and will be discussed at their meeting this Thursday. He passed out a few copies of Sonoma's Ag plan. Kitty asked about the County Fair recommendations.
- B. CAC Draft Annual Work Plan: Dorsey reviewed the draft that Dave Poeschel had shared with the CAC at the April 2009 meeting. These were discussed and minor changes made. The CAC FY2009-10 Work Plan was approved on a 7-0-1 vote (CK abstained). CK requested that joint Board-CAC meetings be reinstated. He noted that such meetings had not been held in several years. He thought they would help build the relationship between the groups. Eric said that CAC members could attend Board meetings. Garnetta said that the Board wants to have a joint workshop after the 90-day deadline for requesting reimbursements per the lawsuit elapses. CK continues to believe that a joint meeting is warranted.

7. New Business – OSA Outreach Program – Lark Burkhart

Lark Burkhart described the OSA's outreach program using a power point presentation she prepared for that purpose, which is available for public presentations, and also showed us the new, lightweight and portable display board. She said that mixing informational and interpretive materials is important; as adults like information but children prefer things they can touch. She said staffing is an issue for outreach, and that if the CAC became involved it would allow more outreach. A speaker's bureau would also be helpful. Kitty Monahan volunteered to be the CAC liaison regarding public outreach issues. Lark offered to accompany anyone who wishes to speak to the public. Note: the OSA has no dedicated volunteer coordinator; this is one of Lark's many responsibilities. The CAC expressed its appreciation for another excellent presentation.

9. Items for next meeting – To be determined

10. Announcements

- A. Per Garnetta, 9/20 is Committee for Green Foothills bike ride fundraiser.

- B. Dorsey noted that the State budget deficit situation has financially hurt many conservation-related youth development programs; stimulus funding is available, but there are lots of reporting requirements.
- C. Dorsey is considering hosting a "mixer" for the Board and CAC sometime in September (most likely September 12th). John Fioretta noted that because of the lawsuit the OSA must be extremely careful about how it spends its money.

Adjourned at about 9:20 PM

cc: Garnetta Annable, Boardmember Liaison

Meeting summary prepared by John Fioretta