



FINAL MINUTES

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, September 25, 2008
Meeting 08-18

**ROLL CALL/
CONVENED TO
CLOSED SESSION**

Chairperson Jim Foran called the **regular** meeting of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) to order at **6:23 p.m.** at the Open Space Authority Administrative Office, 6980 Santa Teresa Blvd., Ste 100, San Jose, CA. He directed the Clerk to take call Roll.

Members Present

J. Foran, A. Kennett, V. Holtz, K. Gill, G. Annable, M. Potter

**Members Excused
Absent**

S. Hall

Staff Present

Patrick Congdon, General Manager
William Parkin, Legal Counsel
Lauren Crook, Clerk of the Board
Jayne Brownlee, Accountant

Public Present

Dorsey Moore
Gerardo Loera
Beatrice Reyes
Various members of public present

**RETURN FROM
CLOSED SESSION**

7:00 P.M. There were no reportable actions.

OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Jim Foran called the open session of the regular meeting of the OSA to order at **7:04 p.m.**

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

J. Foran asked if members of the public wished to address the Board on a topic not already on the agenda.

G. Loera addressed the board and shared photos and slides describing another group; the Coalition of Curative Culture, that might also find benefit from use of the Furtado compound.

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Beatriz Reyes addressed the Board and stated that she belongs to a similar group in Oakland. She spoke of their experience in holding a gathering in a more urban area as opposed to a more rural area. She stated that the first two meetings were in an urban area and the group experienced problems but has since moved to a more rural area, Ft. Meadows, in the Oakland Hill. She stated that the change in location has been very positive. She said she appreciated the time and consideration of the Board for this issue.

Ray Techicuahtli Baez addressed the Board stating that having the opportunity to get out into nature was very important and to have a place for the elders to impart their teachings would be very helpful.

Mike Moya greeted the Board. He began by stating that in the past, the Teocalli Tlanezi Mexica group used private property in the Monterey and Salinas areas. He stated that they were able to use properties at the whim of each property owner. He said he wanted the Board to understand what the history of finding meeting places had been.

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA**

G. Annable moved to adopt the agenda. K. Gill seconded the motion. **The motion passed 6-0.**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Minutes of August 28, 2008

V. Holtz moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2008. G. Annable seconded the motion.

J. Foran stated that he had a correction on page 3:

“J. Foran stated that he would like the group and the OSA consider obtaining grant funding for any costs associated with the project. He also asked that the General Manager and staff look into other OSA locations that might be suitable for the group to use, including Palassou Ridge.”

V. Holtz and G. Annable approved the amendment.

The motion passed 6-0.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

Director Foran noted that there were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

J. Foran asked the Clerk if there were any written communications.

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L. Crook stated there were no written communications.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Presentation of Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Financial Statements and Investment activity

J. Brownlee addressed the board and reviewed the year ending 2007/2008 financial statement and the investment activity report, which were included with their packet items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

**CAC Committee
Update (from
liaisons)**

D. Moore addressed the board and stated they met the previous Monday and the Agricultural Study Recommendations were approved by the group.

**Acquisition
Committee**

J. Foran stated that there was no report.

**Use & Management
Committee**

G. Annable stated that the group met and received more information about Teocalli Tlanezi Mexica and their proposal for use of the Furtado compound. She stated the Committee was scheduled to meet again on October 20th at 6:00 p.m. She stated that they would be meeting with representatives from the Teocalli Tlanezi Mexica.

**Administration &
Budget Committee**

J. Foran stated that there was no report.

**Agriculture and
Conservation
Mitigation Workshop
Committee**

J. Foran stated that there was no report.

**General Manager's
Report**

P. Congdon stated that the Taste of Morgan Hill was happening this weekend and stated that he would be attending with Alex Kennett. He stated that staff was planning a Halloween Event on October 25th at Rancho Canada del Oro.

J. Foran asked about the new mural installed in the Board room.

G. Annable acknowledged the new mural hanging in the Board room and stated that she knows the artist, Ben Alexy, who has loaned it to the Open Space Authority.

Legal Counsel Report

William Parkin stated he had no report.

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**Board Member
Reports**

A. Kennett stated he would be attending the Taste of Morgan Hill.

Kalvin Gill stated he had no report

Mike Potter stated he had no report

Virginia Holtz stated the stakeholders for the Habitat Conservation Fund met on Tuesday. She stated they were working on the draft document.

Jim Foran stated that the Committee for Green Foothills was having their Nature's Celebration event.

Adjournment

Director Foran adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Crook, Clerk of the Board