



FRIENDS OF SANTA TERESA PARK

Monthly Meeting

4/7/22

Zoom Meeting

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A recording of the meeting is available.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Announcements
 - a. May 6, 2022- **FOSTP First Friday Workday is the next FFF Work Day.**
 - b. July 7, 2020, **Mike Cox, Santa Teresa Mercury Mine Presentation -TBA**
3. Election of FOSTP Board Member for 2020- See attachment 1
4. Ron Horii Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes and Slide Show – See attachment 2
5. Park Staff Report – See Attachment 3
6. Treasurer's Report – \$2049.60 money in FOSTP Wells Fargo account-See attachment 4
 - a. FOSTP Business address -\$25.00Authorize Treasurer to set aside grant funds to pay for our basic expenses.
7. Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Land Purchase – See attachment 5
8. Santa Clara County Park Commission Meeting Report – See attachment 6
9. First Friday of the Month Workday discussion - See attachment 7
- 10 May Wildflower Hike – Saturday, May 14, 2022 – 9 am – 12:00 Stile Ranch Trail
- 11 June is the 20th Anniversary of Bernal Ranch – Discussion
- 12 Entrance to the New Curie Drive Trail – Greg
- 13 Calendar of FOSTP Activities
 - a. Time Capsule and National Night Out Event – August 2, 2022
 1. Committee Leads Joan Murphy and Kim Gardner
 - b. Little Uvas Open Space Preserve – Morgan Hill 9 am – 12 pm – April 16, 2022
 - c. 27th Annual Volunteer Recognition Event 12-3 pm – Hellyer Park – Sat. April 23rd.
 - d. SCCPA Preservation Awards Night - May 21, 2020
 - e. Earth Day Event at Bernal Ranch April 24, 2020- Maintenance, Jason Bombardier
 - f. 20th Anniversary Picnic and Hike June 25, 2022 Bernal Ranch (TBA)
 - g. May Wildflower Hike – Saturday, May 14, 2022 – 9 am – 12:00 Stile Ranch Trail
13. Kitty's email address - naqcpakit@aol.com <naqcpakit@aol.com>;

Round the Table--

Attachment #1

We need your help to submit candidates for our board to fill positions.

Submit your nomination by email or during our Zoom meeting for FOSTP 2022 BOARD MEMBERS :

Candidates

President

- 1.
2. Mike Boulland

Vice President

1. Steve Crockett
2. Kitty Monahan

Treasurer

- 1.
2. Greg Koopman

Secretary

- 1.
2. Ron Horii

Voting results:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Attachment #2 FOSTP Minutes 3.3.22

See Ron's Link to the FOSTP Minutes
http://www.stpfriends.org/FOSTP_Minutes_03-03-22.html

Friends of Santa Teresa Park Zoom Meeting, 3/3/22



- Attendees: Mike Boulland, Kim Gardner, Greg Koopman, Joan Murphy, Steve Crockett, Ron Horii, Youngmee Kim.
- Kitty is at home. She fell and injured her back. She has a hard time getting around and making it to meetings.
- This was an online Zoom videoconference meeting. Mike sent out a meeting link for this Zoom meeting. Here's the [agenda for today's meeting](#).
- We'll defer board elections to next month. We'll have nominations for the board.
- The Vice President subs in when the president is unavailable. Kitty has been the Vice President for many years, but she may not be able to perform those duties in the future. She can be Vice President emeritus, but we'll need someone to step up to be the VP.
- Mike needs more help to work on the grant. It doesn't necessarily have to be an elected officer.
- We'll have a First Friday Work Day tomorrow 3/4/22. The next one after that is 4/1/22. We can bring a generator and electric tools if needed.
- There's work to be done around the ranch house: pull weeds growing in the bark around the garden boxes, pull new weeds from the garden boxes, dig out the grass between the flagstones in front of the house, cut the weeds under the farm equipment by the barns, and cut the blackberries growing on the ceanothus bushes by the walkway next to the barns.
- We can have a talk by Mike Cox on the Santa Teresa Mercury Mine. We can use it for a fundraiser. Possible date: Monday 4/4 at 7-8 pm, but it could be any time. It would be in the banquet room at the golf course. Mike Cox knows the mercury mines in New Almaden very well, as he's explored them and was responsible for making them safe for Almaden Quicksilver County Park to open, but he also knows about the mines in the Santa Teresa Hills. There are 3 mine shafts at the end of Snell and 1 in Santa Teresa Park. Joan suggests doing a walk to see the mine in Santa Teresa Park. Mike could also talk about the mines in Almaden Spain. He's visited them.
- There's a cleanup of the chicken coop at the Bernal Ranch on Friday. Park Interpreter Rob McDonnell is organizing it.
- National Night Out is on August 2. We got grant money to support it. We need to fill out the paperwork and submit a fee to the national organization to register our NNO. The documents are online. We've filled them out before, so we can just copy the forms from previous years. Joan said she'd help with planning. In previous NNO's, Kim wrote letters to officials to invite them to come to our NNO. Marilyn bought popsicles. They were popular. We need a budget. We have less money to spend this year. We have grant funds to publish and print copies of our newsletter. The Parks may not be a co-sponsor. Mike will write a letter to Don Rocha to get the fee waived to use the Bernal Ranch. We'll have the new time capsule on display and ask people to contribute mementos to it.
- We talked about having a tour of Little Uvas Creek Preserve, which is not open to the public, except by special arrangement with the Open Space Authority. The California Native Plant Society is having a tour there on 4/16/22. Ron is a CNPS member and is helping to lead a tour there. It's open to the public, so he urged FOSTP members to sign up. Mike and Youngmee signed up. It's now full. Joan is on the waitlist, but Ron said she could come as a helper.
- Due to [redistricting](#), the neighborhood around the Santa Teresa Hills moved from San Jose City District 2 to District 10, under Councilmember Matt Mahan. All the neighborhoods surrounding Santa Teresa Park are now in District 10.
- Greg wrote an email to Michele Dexter in Matt Mahan's office about putting a ramp on the sidewalk at the end of the new trail on Heaton Moor. Ron wrote a follow-up email about having San Jose's traffic department investigate integrating the new trail into the street system to make it safer for bikes entering and exiting the trail in both directions.
- Our last First Friday Work Day was at the Bernal Ranch on 2/3/22. We cleaned up the garden boxes and helped park staff sweep up leaves. Dave Zittlow, lead volunteer at Martial Cottle Park came to visit. Mike and Greg talked to him about ideas for Santa Teresa Park. We should make a list of those ideas.
- Ron showed a slideshow: Our First Friday Work Day, street connections on the new trail, views from Coyote Peak, new memorial benches by Ed Von Runnen's family at the Pueblo Area, work that still needs to be done around the ranch, Santa Teresa Spring conditions.
- Greg said there are useless downed phone wires and a pole going through the Bear Tree Lot to the Bonetti House. He thinks they should be removed.
- We have \$549.60 in the bank. There's a check pending for Ron.
- We got awarded \$1500 from the Beautify San Jose Grant. Mike signed the MOU. We should be getting the check soon.
- There was no Parks Commission meeting. It's every other month.
- Greg will be out of town for the next 4 months.
- Activities are starting again. Ron saw Carrie Grisenti. She's been released from Disaster Service work. She's in the new park office at Silver Creek. She asked Ron if he wanted to give his photography class. Ron said maybe in the fall.
- We could do the pre-Mother's Day hike in May again.
- The Volunteer Recognition picnic will be held on 4/23 from 12 to 3 at Hellyer's Buena Vista Group Picnic Area. If you turned in your volunteer hours and have enough of them, you should have gotten an invitation and need to RSVP by 4/14.
- Mike turned in our activities plan for the year to the Volunteer Office.
- There was a young fruit tree by the ranch house. It died and was cut down. Just a stump is left. It should be replaced by a tree that's appropriate for the rancho period.
- Carolyn Schimandle said there are new spring hours for the Bernal Ranch, starting 3/18/22: 11-4 on Friday, 11-5 on Saturday and Sunday.
- Ron talked about the efforts to revive NAQCPA, new officers, its new Facebook page, and updating its website.

Attachment #3 Staff Report

Park Staff Report

- a) FOSTP members thank the staff for their support.

- b) Blair –Volunteer requirements – Covid Test before volunteering
 - 1. She requests that we complete the FOSTP ANNUAL GROUP ACTIVITIES WORK PLAN
 - 2. Volunteer Picnic – April 23, 2022 – Hellyer Park – Need 50 hours

- c) Carolyn Schimandle
 - 1. Carolyn permits us to work in the garden at the Joice House. (Current)
 - 2. Looking for more Santa Teresa Host Volunteers
 - 3. A General Host Volunteer Meeting (TBA)
 - 4. Museum hours starting on 3.18.22–Friday's open hours 11 to 4 pm Hours for Saturday and Sunday are open from 11 am to 5 pm.
 - 5. La Fuente – July 30th 4- 7pm

- d) Jeremy Farr – Park Principal Planner
 - 1. Please send a letter to him asking about the owners of the power poles.

- e) Jeremy Celaya– Senior Maintenance Santa Teresa (On going projects)
 - 1. Pull new blackberry bushes out of the new bench area below the springs and along the fences
 - 2. Repair pot holes, water bars clear drain pipes along the trails.
 - 3. Pull weed from garden boxes and around the interpretive area.

- f) Jason Gorman – Senior Maintenance Hellyer Unit – Need a FOSTP volunteer member contact
 - 1. Electrical Poles

- h) Rob McDonnell, Interpreter – Back at Santa Teresa – Needs volunteers to help with the chicken coop.

Walk In the Woods- Field Notes in Nature – Friday April 22 – 5pm to 6 pm
Email rob.mcdonnell@prk.sccgov.org for more information.

- i) Katrina Semene, interpretive staff member.- Santa Teresa Family Twilight Oaks Stroll

Saturday, April 23, 6-7 pm – Email katrina.semene@prk.sccgov.org space limited.

- j) Julie Lee - Volunteer Program Manager - Back from Covid duty and is head of the Volunteer Department. She is working on our Annual Group Activities Work Plan.

- k) Jason Bombardier – Maintenance – Bernal Interpretive site clean-up event??

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Attachment 5

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

In a move that's beneficial to hikers, cyclists and equestrians, Santa Clara County will connect two beloved parks.

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to purchase 47 acres of land between Santa Teresa and Calero county parks for \$8.5 million.

<http://sccgov.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=12661&Inline=True>

Attachment 6

Park Commission Meeting Notes

Interpretation/Outdoor Recreation Interpretation: By mid-February the Interpretation team saw the return of all but three staff and resumed training and planning for the year ahead. School and custom interpretive program registration systems re-opened for the first time in months by March 1. Coordinators are booking a variety of in-park field trips, custom outreach programs, and the still-popular virtual school field trip programs. On weekends, public interpretive programs have seen record attendance, with more than 70 people attending the February Quicksilver History Hike and 106 people signing up for a Sunday Twilight Hike at Bernal Ranch. More than 100 youth took part in the spring season of Virtual Junior Rangers, and about 30 adults earned Neighborhood Naturalist certifications during the winter course. Due to the increase in attendance and associated parking hazards at trailheads, staff has switched to taking online registrations for all programs. As staff are returning to their original roles, work is resuming on backlogged projects, including several interpretive plans, exhibits, and policy updates

Outdoor Recreation & Events: With the conclusion of Fantasy of Lights2021, OREC is moving forward with planning 2022, looking at new displays, a potential new point of sale system, and more entertainment options for the Walk-thoughts. Staff are working on developing hikes and trails for #PixInParks 2022 (planned debut late Spring2022) and will also open the 2nd AnnualEarth DayYouthArt Contest for submissions at the beginning of April.

Training

During the spring months, staff will prepare for the busy wildflower and summer seasons through skills refresher training, including hands-on equipment and tool training, emergency response training, and customer experience training.

Bike Repair Station: The maintenance team is going to pilot a bicycle repair station at Rancho San Vincente. The bike repair station will include some tools needed to make minor repairs. The unit itself will be bolted to the ground adjacent to the restroom. If the new amenity is well received, we will look into adopting a specific make and model as our standard and expand out to other park units.

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Attachment 7

First Friday Activities Pg. 1 of 2

Last month the Group removed berries, crabgrass, and other vegetation from the garden boxes with the blackberry removal from under the house.

Thank you to our April, First Friday Workday volunteers: The event was Canceled

Next Month's FOSTP First Friday, May 6, 2022, Workday Project Agenda

Cleanup Next, Friday, 5.6.22 Santa Teresa Springs -9:00 to 12:00 pm

Meet at 9:00 am at the Santa Teresa Ranch house Chicken Coop to get Mike's current update and instructions. All volunteers need to have proof of Covid 19 tests reported to VCC.

Vaccinated FOSTP MEMBERS CLEARED TO WORK

Mike Boulland, Dorene Boulland, Ron Horii, Kitty Monahan, Kim Gardner, Woody Collins, Steve Crockett, Marilyn August, Greg Koopman, Roxanne Koopman, Joan Murphy, and Youngmee Kim

General On Going Weeding/Clean-up Tasks

- 1) Remove weeds around the springs, spring walk, and picnic area below the springs.
 - A. Along the drainage ditch
 - B. Between the barns along the fence that divides the corral
 - C. Blackberries at the bottom and around the springs.
 - D. Remove invading blackberry bushes along the various trails.
 - E. Remove weed from farm equipment
 - F. Trim blackberries and weed around the interpretive center

New Project Tasks approved by Jeremy Celaya -11.4.21 -5.6.22

1. Pull new blackberry bushes out of
 - a. the new bench area below the springs.
 - b. Inside the fence at the spring, pull out new blackberry sprouts
 - c. Remove the blackberry bushes along Curie drive to the springs.
2. Repair
 - a. Restore water bar bumps not too high to cause a bump
 - b. Restore the ramp drainage up to the springs
 - c. Remove the rocks blocking the flow in the drainage pipes
 - d. Clear a buffer of 10' or more around the Caretaker's house
 - , e. Repair and pull weeds out of the garden boxes f. Cleaned out the FOSTP Toolshed

Attachment 7a
First Friday Volunteer Activities
Pg. 2

Approved tools

- A. We can use battery-operated equipment
- B. Storage of FOSTP tools and supplies in the old utility locker. Ranger Melissa Oritiz
- C. Generator – approved by Jeremy Celaya -.2.8.22
- D. Electric Weed Wacker's – approved by Jeremy Celaya
- E. Electric Trimmers

Bring a shovel and other tools.

1. Water
2. Small snacks
3. Mike will supply buckets and garbage bags.
4. Gloves
5. Rakes and clippers