

FBM Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019 - 5:00 pm – 6:10 pm

Topics: Cascade Canal Fund Raising, Cascade Canal Litigation

Host: Diana Abrell, 12319 Hillcrest Drive

Present: Chuck Staetz, Susan Sanders, Jeff Peach, Andrew Wilkinson, Diana Abrell

Apologies: Susan Luhman and Ed Sylvester

The meeting was hosted by Diana Abrell and was called to order at 5:00 by Chuck.

Comments:

- The board unanimously voted to delay discussion of officer duties until the next meeting .
- Chuck said FBM must audit 2018. He and at least two other board members should review the data before submitting it. He will assemble the data.
- A 2018 financial statement must be prepared and filed with other FBM documents. Chuck will put that together and review it with two other board members when the audit is conducted.
- A Statement of Information is required each year by the CA Secretary of State's office as well as an Annual Registration with the CA Attorney General's office. The Statement of Information was filed electronically. The Annual Registration form is nearly complete and Chuck will file it as required.
- FBM's tax filing can be done electronically. It's relatively simple and Chuck will do it.

Minutes

The board unanimously approved the November 11, 20, 2018 meeting at which Andrew Wilkinson was approved as the treasurer, replacing Chip Wilder.

Financial Report

Treasurer Andrew Wilkinson reported that there is currently \$5658 in our accounts. Board member Ed Sylvester is in the process of generously donating \$12,000 to FBM. Board members briefly discussed whether this should be presented as a matching donation in our upcoming fundraising campaign. Unpaid bills for legal services for January amount to a little over \$1200.

Cascade Canal Fund Raising:

Susan Sanders suggested two ideas for raising funds: a Go Fund Me online campaign and an FBM calendar to sell to the public. Board members recalled that Susan Luhman

had said at an earlier meeting that her nephew is knowledgeable about Go Fund Me sites and might help us set one up. Susan S. offered to write the text for such a site and will follow up with Susan Luhman. the calendar project is delayed until after the trial. The advantage of such a calendar would give FBM more public exposure and would show people what projects we are undertaking such as sponsorship of Firewise activities as well as protection of the Cascade Canal trail.

Cascade Canal Trail Litigation:

Susan said that there will be a pretrial hearing on March 8 on a motion filed by John Bilheimer to exclude the alternate trail argument advanced by Jon Davis. Diana pointed out that John Bilheimer had presented this motion in December but it was ruled against by Judge Pro Tem Bradrick. Susan said that the date of the trial is now set for March 19, and, that hopefully, it will not be changed. She believes Bilheimer is still prepping witnesses, although the majority of witnesses were prepped prior to the original trial date which was December 18. On December 13 the trial was postponed due to Judge Tom Anderson recusing himself and the newly appointed judge, Robert Tice-Raskin, not being available on December 18.

Firewise Activities: Jeff Peach reported on Firewise activities and passed out copies of a map (included with these minutes) created by Alan Doerr showing the newly-expanded boundaries of the Banner Mountain Firewise Community. The outside limit of a Firewise community is 2500 residences, and we are at about 2300 now. Jeff will send out a message through our website requesting more folks to volunteer for a Firewise action committee. He will meet next week with Jim Mathias of CalFire and others to organize information about evacuation for presentation at the FBM Annual Meeting, set for Saturday, May 25, at 10 a.m. The focus of that meeting will be evacuation routes. Others topics can include making major evacuation roads more fire safe, creating defensible space, sheltering in place, and "go bags." Jeff has reserved Seaman's Lodge for the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting: The Annual meeting is slated for May 25. Jeff has arranged for FBM to use Seaman's Lodge. This year's meeting theme will focus on forest fires, e.g., evacuation of Banner Mountain, making properties less susceptible to wild fires, etc. Jeff is in the process of lining up guests and speakers. Meeting details will be worked out in the next couple of months.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Diana Abrell

Acting Secretary