

MINUTES (Approved)

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting

Date / Time: November 30, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes
 - A. Call to Order – 6:32 pm
 - B. Roll Call
 1. Board Members Present: Daphne Reimer, Harriet Saeck, Mary Forrestal, Jane Van Kessel, Nancy Gronert, Anthony Asay, Eric Johnson
 2. Board Members Absent: Bill Bianco, Paul Miller
 - C. Approval of Minutes (October 2021) – approved by consensus
- II. Guests / Public Comments: Doug Bojack, Ray Wack, and Nancy Anderson
- III. Presentations: Converting St. Joseph Cemetery to a Memorial Tree and Garden Project Proposal, presented by Doug Bojack
 - A. Concept is to use native wildflowers, native trees to create habitat for native fauna and flora. Focusing specifically on native insect and bird habitat over the 12-acres of the Cemetery. It will use a Memorial Tree and Wildflower approach in which donor support creates an endowment for implementation and maintenance. Committed partners to the project include the Sacramento Tree Foundation, California Native Plant Society, Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association, and Miridae Landscape Architecture Firm. Currently, in the process of gathering partners and refining the project. Hoping to establish partner roles and begin design process in the Spring of 2022. The Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services is the entity which is responsible for St. Joseph's Cemetery. They are on board with the project and the idea of the cemetery as a living cemetery that is more integrated into the community. Asking from Sacramento Audubon to help with finding volunteers and promoting the project. At this time, do not see the need for a monetary commitment. Looking to January for a meeting with all committed partners and the church to detail how much of the property will be included in the project.
 - B. Consensus of the board is to continue to learn about the project and request the Memorandum of Understanding. Daphne will follow-up with Doug.
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President - None
 - B. Treasurer – Dues are down slightly from last year. Donations, however, are higher. To date we have spent \$4,300 for grants and \$4,200 in Outreach for the Nature in the Classroom program and the stickers.
 - C. Corresponding Secretary – Nancy met with Heather to pick up materials. Heather expressed interest in continuing to help with design projects for the SAS.
 - D. Other Officers - None
- V. Old Business
 - A. Nominating Committee – discussion postponed to January meeting
 - B. Insurance Umbrella Policy – A formal quote has been requested for the umbrella policy in the amount of \$2 million. In an email on November 12, the insurance agent estimated that the higher umbrella limit of \$2M would cost between \$600 and \$750 per year.
 - C. Spending Ideas – Still under discussion.

VI. New Business

A. Meetings

1. COVID policy for SAS meetings (general or committee) - Board approved by consensus the following policy to be added to the Policy and Procedure Document for Sacramento Audubon meetings:
To attend a general or committee meeting in-doors, participants must provide proof of COVID vaccine and wear a mask securely over their nose and mouth. For General Meetings, proof of vaccination will be checked at the door.
 2. Meeting Location for Board and Committees – discussion postponed until January meeting.
 3. In-Person Monthly Speaker / General Meetings - January's meeting will be held via Zoom. Board will continue to discuss resumption of in-person general meetings as the COVID situation changes.
- B. Standing Committee & Officer Descriptions – discussion postponed until January meeting.
- C. Big Day of Giving - If we wish to participate in the Big Day of Giving in 2022.
1. Motion to participate in the Big Day of Giving 2022 for \$85. (Daphne 1st, Nancy 2nd)
 2. If all Board Members make a donation on the Big Day of Giving, Sacramento Audubon could win a prize.
- D. Lapel Pins – More research is needed before moving forward. Daphne will report back at the January Board Meeting.
- E. Nature in the Classroom – Motion to allocate an additional \$2,000 for the Nature in the Classroom program. (Nancy 1st, Jane 2nd)

VII. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Membership – Nothing additional at this time.
- B. Education - None
- C. Website
1. Field Trip registration is ready. The first field trip will open for registration on December 1 at noon.
 2. The next web committee meeting is December 13.
 3. Thank you to Nancy and Daphne for the stories they have written for the News blog.
- D. Conservation
1. Reichmuth Park. On November 3rd, Bill Bianco, Dan Airola, Eric Johnson, Kim Oldehoeft and Dylan Wood with California Department of Wildlife, meet with Sacramento City Parks Director Mario Lara and Assistant Director Shannon Brown. Many issues with the park habitat were discussed. Dan Airola has a letter drafted to document what was discussed and agreed to with the Sacramento Parks. We are trying to get the final letter out by December 3, 2021.
 2. Innovation Park and Northstate Hospital. The draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is out for review. ECOS and H2020 will be reviewing and forwarding comments on the DEIR to the city.
- E. Outreach - None
- F. Accessibility - None
- G. Bobelaine – Grant project committee met and was provided with an overview of the project and partners. The next step is to submit the grant proposal.
- H. Other Committee Reports (if any) - None
- I. Board Member Reports (if any) – None

VIII. Adjournment 8:01