

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY

MINUTES, APRIL 20, 2016

Attending: Board Members: President Peter Bryant, Vice President Frances Cork, Secretary Nancy Gardner, Treasurer Donna Flower, Past President Peter Fuhrer, and Board members Tim Brown, , , , Liz Flint, , Molly Stallcup, Jean Whittaker, Danielle Zacherl, Dick Zembal;; Guests: Howard Cork, Michelle Clemente, Ian Swift; Operations Director Heather Cieslak.

Meeting called to order at 2:05.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR: Gardner moved, Stallcup seconded to approve the consent calendar which includes the February minutes with the correction of spelling of Liz Flint's name; and committee reports. The consent calendar was instituted by Board President Bryant after attending the Annenberg seminar. There was some confusion as to what should be included in the consent calendar. It was agreed that there would be more specifics in the agenda and that the Bylaws Committee would bring any suggested changes to the board in May.

TREASURER'S REPORT--BUDGET

A budget was presented. Administrative fees from grants applied for are not included. There was discussion about deficit spending and research grants. The general feeling was that grants should be supported. Motion by Flint, second by Gardner to approve the budget. Unanimous.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Gardner, second by Stallcup to appoint Ian Swift to fill the remainder of Ginger Hayter's term. Unanimous.

BYLAWS

A certified copy of the current bylaws reflecting the changes from the 2015 Annual Member meeting is needed. The major new change proposed is to eliminate term limits so as not to lose valuable board members. Discussion about the merits of term limits. Frances Cork, head of the Bylaws Committee, will conduct informal discussions with NBC members to get a sense of whether a change would be acceptable.

LANDS PASS

NBC participated in earlier discussions, and it was thought that a good resolution had been achieved in regards to paid passes on DFW lands, but this is now in question. Howard Cork will find out what the Commission has decided, and if it has decided in favor of a lands pass for the Upper Bay, the Advocacy Committee will take the lead in generating action against the pass. Board member Swift will take the matter to the IRWD.

BIG CANYON RESTORATION

***Proposition 1 Proposal:** There was a brief description of what is covered in the grant proposal. The board will evaluate the ability of NBC to manage the grant if awarded.

***Presentation by Riley Pratt** of IRC on Big Canyon Recreation and Resource Management Plan: Mr. Pratt discussed the various aspects of the plan including restoration and recreation elements. There is some overlap with the Proposition 1 proposal.

OTHER MATTERS

***Book:** There was a discussion of a 50th anniversary book. Frances Cork has a potential writer/publisher. Peter Bryant will work with her. There was also a discussion of in-kind contributors being recognized on the donor wall.

***Earth Day:** Frances Cork urged board members to buy opportunity drawing tickets and to attend. Celebration of Life for Dorothy Kimmel: Details were announced.

***Waterwheel:** This is a device to capture trash and would be placed by the City of Newport Beach in the reserve. Gardner will arrange for city staff to provide more information.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Closed Session: 4:20