

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 6, 2013 Back Bay Science Center
OPEN SESSION

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: Pres Howard Cork, VP Peter Fuhrer, Treas Donna Flower, Sec Holly Fuhrer, Virginia Hayter, Dennis Kelly, Angie Vazirian

Absent with Apologies: Rita McCoy, Cathy Bertot, Peter Bryant, Debbie Moore

Absent at the time of Roll Call: Rob Ellis

Attendees: Peter Ridley, Frances Cork

Pres Cork called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm as soon as a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 16, 2012 Board Meeting Open Session were presented by Sec Fuhrer. No corrections or amendments were offered. Mmbr Hayter made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mmbr Kelly. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report/2013 Budget

Treas Flower presented the 2013 Budget for January through June and reviewed projected sources of income for that period.

Discussion of Bylaws revisions

Mmbr Hayter reported for the Bylaws Committee made up of her, VP Fuhrer, Mmbr Bertot, Peter Ridley, Mary Thornton, and Chairperson Bryant. Pres Cork asked that the minutes reflect recognition that the committee chair did a superb job in leading the committee and preparing the Bylaws revisions for presentation to the Board and the membership.

Mmbr Ellis arrived at 6:13 pm.

Mmbr Hayter led discussion of each of the Articles of the Bylaws. Three amendments were recommended which will be taken back to the committee for final review. Mmbr Kelly made a motion to approve the document with the three amendments to be reviewed by the Bylaws Committee. Mmbr Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and passed to adjourn the Open Meeting at 7:07 pm in order to move into Closed Session as scheduled.

The Open Session was resumed at 8:05 pm as soon as the Closed Session was adjourned.

February Members Meetings

Pres Cork recommended that we schedule two separate members meetings because we have too many items to cover in one meeting – the budget, the settlement with Roger Mallet, the Bylaws revisions and approval, the strategic plan, and the volunteer jobs fair. He suggested a Thursday evening and a Saturday afternoon, tentatively Thursday February 21st 6:30-9:00 pm at the IC, and Saturday March 2nd 1:00-3:00 pm at the BBSC. Dates will be finalized in the near future.

Committees

Pres Cork discussed the Committees that he has been working to establish:

Fundraising – Chair Howard Cork
Finance – Chair Donna Flower
Research – Chair Peter Bryant
Membership

He would like Board members to think about what other committees are essential and how they would like to contribute.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:22 pm. There were no objections.

Holly Fuhrer
Secretary, Newport Bay Conservancy