

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOAD MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2016

Attending: Board members: Tim Brown, Peter Bryant, Frances Cork, Randall English, Liz Flint, Nancy Gardner, Molly Stallcup, Ian Swift, Jean Whitaker, Dick Zembal (excused: Donna Carroll, Pam Winkler Danielle Zacherl); Past President Peter Fuhrer. Michelle Clemente, Howard Cork, Dale Finke.

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

Motion by Gardner, second by English to amend the Consent Calendar to include reports from the Research, Board Development, Restoration Committees and Grants subcommittee, with the exception of those things included separately on the agenda, and to add Board Orientation to the agenda.

Accepted. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Stallcup, second by Flint. Approved.

1. Minutes--motion to approve by Brown, second by English with the following changes: Directors Cork, Flint, Stallcup and Swift excused absence and the addition of the words "check and cover letter" after "grant application" in 6c. approved.

2. Treasurer's Report--The Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2016 including the Financial Statements was sent to the Board Members and Operations Director prior to the meeting. An item of note was that we received \$780 from the Benevity Community Impact Fund. Also, the kayaks we purchased will ship on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 and should take about 5 days to arrive. We have made the payment of \$12,649.39 to Johnson Outdoors and we will bill the Department of Parks and Recreation for reimbursement. The quarterly Variance Report for 9/30/16 will be presented at the October board meeting.

Motion by Gardner, second by Brown to accept. Approved.

3. Fundraising--the annual membership renewal letter has been drafted. The midyear appeal was below expectations and will be mailed separately instead of included in Tracks in the future. A date is being sought for the rowathon. The popular map of the area is back in the gift shop. There was discussion of a potential photography show which would be modeled after Plein Air. If it moves forward, sponsors should be sought.

a. Grants--Chair Fuhrer asked for volunteers within the organization to help with grant writing and will hold a workshop for those willing to do it. A template has been prepared which will make it much easier. He made a request for the board to consider a grant for a development director.

4. Committee Reports:

a. Research Committee--the World Wetlands Day Symposium will take place January 28 and focus on Swamp of the Frogs and water issues and will include a visit to a Groundwater Recharge facility.

b. Education Committee--Eighteen people are attending Naturalist training which will now include a presentation component.

c. Restoration Committee--a second grant application is being prepared for limonium eradication. The Coastal Conservancy will release funds for the Big Canyon restoration project once the

city has installed the selenium diversion and provided monitoring data to show that it is successful. New signage is being installed on county property around UNB. Howard Cork is working on content design. The Marketing Committee is working on a new map of UNB. The restoration plan needs the approval of CDFW.

d. Advocacy Committee--Congressman Royce has proposed making a new national monument, Santa Ana Mountains to Sea, which would include UNB. Director Flint will get more information before the board takes a position. Despite the efforts of Director Cork and former president Howard Cork, part of the UNB was included in the Lands Pass program--the Big Canyon loop.

Howard Cork commented that the loop trail was supposed to be ADA compliant but since the 1997 El Nino storm the bridge on the trail had not been repaired and was no longer compliant. Decided that no action to be taken on the Lands Pass decision until implementation and enforcement plans are clearer.

e. Board Development Committee--two Board members have decided not to seek re-election when their term expires in November. Two more Board members will be needed in addition to the three members currently appointed pro-tem in order to have a full complement of Board members. A Board Orientation will be developed for new members and the Board Handbook updated. ACTION: Committee chairs to update their Committee's responsibilities and send information to the Operations Director.

5. Other Business:

a. Waterwheel-- Peter Fuhrer reported on measures being taken to reduce trash entering the Delhi Channel. Howard Cork reported on possible measures being taken in Talbert Channel. Both would be simpler trash collection solutions than that presented at the August Board meeting. It was reported that a much lower level of trash (c. 7000lbs) was collected on Coastal Clean Up Day compared with previous years (20,000-25,000lbs). Liz Flint will draft a motion for response on the Waterwheel proposal and circulate to Board members ahead of the next meeting.

b. Annual Meeting--Tim Brown reported that plans for the annual meeting on November 3 were in place.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.08.

Motion to adjourn: Frances Cork, seconded by Molly Stallcup.