

Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
18 October 2007

1.0 Opening. President Baker called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM at the Newport Beach Public Library. Present were Dennis Baker, Carolyn Kraber, Matt Yurko, Rita Goldberg, Blake Anderson, and Dick Watts. Also present: Roger Mallett and guest Ivan Morgan.

2.0 Minutes. Moved by Dick, seconded by Matt to approve the 8/16/07 minutes, Motion passed. Moved by Dick, seconded by Matt to approve the 9/19/07 minutes. Motion passed.

Action: File

3.0 Accountant's Report. The accountant's report was accepted as distributed. It was noted that a \$1,000 donation had been received.

Action: File for audit.

4.0 Recognition of Donation. A \$5,000 bequest from the Sylvia and Frederick Reines Trust was acknowledged.

Action. Follow procedures.

5.0 Executive Director's Report. The Executive Director's Report had been distributed by e-mail.

.1 The outcome of an Education Team meeting on 10/18/07 was positive. It appears good collaboration is taking place among and between DFG, HBP. and NBNF. All partners recognize their constraints.

.2 A draft agreement has been received from HBP, which "appears to be very broad and non-restrictive, allowing specific fund raising and project management activities to be discussed and agreed locally on a case-by-case basis." This appears to meet NBNF requirements with detail power at the local level and accountability for the donor.

.3 Event Planning is going forward with Cleanup Day scheduled for 9/20/08 (statewide). Discussion on the Plein Air Event with the SOCALPAPA tentatively identified July 24-26, 2008 as the days for a reception on Friday at the IC (organized by NBNF) and art show and sale on Saturday & Sunday using the same format as last year at either the IC or BBSC (Both DFG and HBP are willing to host). The announcement of a competition winner for a 40-foot mural incorporating the new aquarium would take place at the reception (see Estuary Exhibit 11.0 below). A low-key ground breaking for the Robinson View Point is planned for sometime in January with a more-publicized public opening on 10/11/08 to coincide with the date of the Friends first tour of the 2008/09 season.

Moved by Matt, seconded by Rita to accept the calendar as presented. Motion passed.

Action: Implement

.4 The Pre-CRMP agreement between the City and NBNF, subject to final approval, for \$120,000 is underway. Roger is drafting the contract between CNB and NBNF and anticipates the possibility of starting work in November. The work will entail data-gathering and gap analysis preparatory to the CRMP.

.5 Matt received approval for a multi-part restoration truck/trailer grant of \$10,000 based on a grant submitted by Mary Thornton and Matt.

.6 Requested follow-up of corporate donors to renew their membership for 2007.

.7 Requested contingent approval to proceed with expenditure of \$6,000 to prepare the design package for the new entrance of the IC. This approval would be contingent on the availability of at least \$20,000 in County funds.

.8 The report was received as distributed.

Action: File

6.0 Fund Raising Committee. Tom was absent due to a bad cold. Committee members are being sought. Still need a Committee Chair.

Action: None. Information only.

7.0 General Meeting. The annual meeting is Thursday, 1 November. Board election notice and materials are underway.

Action: Continue.

8.0 Executive Director's Employment Agreement. Moved by Matt, seconded by Rita to approve the employment agreement between Roger Mallett and NBNF for the period of 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008. Jack voted yes by proxy. Motion passed.

Action: Implement. Congratulations Roger.

9.0 Goals in Strategic Plan and 2008 Budget. Dick suggested, as the 2008 budget is developed, the goals defined in the Strategic Plan be identified and matched to the budget. This could also be used in the yearly report.

Action. None. Discussion only.

10.0 Equestrian Project. Discussed whether to take an official position on the Equestrian Project. There is a possibility that the site had been used as mitigation in the past. Consensus was to wait until all facts were in.

Action. None at this time.

11.0 Estuary Exhibit. Ivan Morgan provided additional information on the Estuary suggestions for a redoing/update of the IC. Bill Reiter, head ranger at the IC, would like to improve and more directly tie in "What is an Estuary?", "Why is it Important?", and, "How it Works?" with the exhibits and the entrance. The thought is to interface with the Plein Air group and have a forty-foot mural at the entrance with the aquarium leading into the exhibits. The mural would be commissioned to be painted by a selected muralist and announced at the Plein Air Event (See 5.3 above).

The major issues are how to artistically portray and how to pay for the project. The County may have an unknown amount of monies available. The project would be a

costly and major project. The first step would be the design stage estimated to cost under \$6,000. The Executive Director requested contingent approval to proceed with expenditure of \$6,000 to prepare the design package for the new entrance of the IC. This approval would be contingent on the availability of at least \$20,000 in County funds.

Brought back the motion tabled last month (Moved by Jack, seconded by Matt) to fund, not to exceed, \$6,000 for design of the Estuary Project. Discussed the availability of using funds from the Fletcher Jones donation. Motion passed

Action: Roger will proceed.

12.0 Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Dick Watts, Secretary

Board approved 11/15/07