

Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
19 September 2007

- 1.0 **Opening.** President Baker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM at the Newport Beach Public Library. Present were Dennis Baker, Carolyn Kraber, Jack Keating, Tom Mooers, Matt Yurko and Dick Watts. Also present: Roger Mallett, Donna Carroll and guests Rita Goldberg, Larry McKenney, and Ivan Morgan.
- 2.0 **Approval of Minutes.** Tabled until next meeting.
Action: Bring back at the next meeting.
- 3.0 **Accountant's Report.** The accountant's report was received as distributed.
Action: File for audit.
- 4.0 **Budget.** Moved by Jack, seconded by Matt to approve the 2007 Budget. Included authorization for expenditure of up to \$5,000 for purchase of Trex wood composite to be used by Eagle Scouts to construct ADA walkways along sandy paths at the BBSÇ Motion passed.
Action: Implement.
- 5.0 **Executive Director's Report.** The ED's report was received as distributed. Discussed concern over lack of signed agreements with DFG, City, and County. Dick commended Roger and Donna for Board of Director's Notebook distributed at the meeting.
Action. File
- 6.0 **Fundraising Committee.** There is no chair for this committee. Moved by Jack, seconded by Dick to appoint Tom as temporary Chair until the end of the year or a new person is available.
Action: Tom to take over fundraising.
- 7.0 **Funding Estuary Exhibit at IC.** Ivan Morgan described a proposal for a project to enhance the entrance to the Muth Interpretive Center. It would clearly answer the question "What is an Estuary?" and tie in all elements of the Center. Cost could be from \$70,000 - \$90,000 with \$6,000 for the design stage. Moved by Jack, seconded by Matt to fund, not to exceed, \$6,000 for design. Discussion resulted in a consensus the design stage should not proceed until a written agreement is received from the County. Tabled until next meeting.
Action. Put on next month's agenda.
- 8.0 **Ten Basic Responsibilities of Non-profit Boards.** Dick reminded the Board of the Basic Responsibilities of a nonprofit Board.

Action. None.

9.0 Strategic Decision Policy Implementation. Dick indicated this policy should be implement

Action. None. Discussion only.

10.0 Big Canyon Project. Moved by Jack, seconded by Tom to take the position of approving the Big Canyon Project Mitigated Negative Declaration under the Strategic Decision Policy. Motion passed.

Action: Continue.

11.0 Executive Director Employment. Moved by Jack, seconded by Carolyn to make the part time Executive Director position a full time position. Motion passed.

Action. Develop an agreement.

12.0 Confirmation of New Board Members. Moved by Dick, seconded by Jack to confirm the President's appointment of Blake Anderson, Rita Goldberg, and Larry McKenney to the Board starting at the October meeting.

Action. Welcome aboard.

13 Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Watts, Secretary

Board Approved 10/18/07