

Newport Bay Conservancy

April 19 2017 Board Meeting

Board Attendees: Molly Stallcup, Randall English, Peter Bryant, Pam Winkler, Dick Zembal, Donna Flower, Frances Cork, Tim Brown, Liz Flynt

Excused Absence: Ian Swift

Esteemed Visitors: Heather Cieslak, Mark Kincheloe, Jack Keating, Dave Waller

2:05 – Called to Order

A quorum was present.

2:07 - Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Minutes had been distributed via email, amended minutes with corrections were distributed at meeting for approval. Molly moved to approve, Dick seconded, no discussion, carried with six ayes and three abstentions.

2:08 – Treasurers Report

Donna offered a review of the treasurer's report which had been distributed via email.

Friends membership is off to a good start and revenue from tours is up.

Liz motioned to approve, Molly seconded, carried unanimous

2:15 Operations report

Heather delivered the Operations report

Right now, we are short volunteers for outrigger program so staff is stepping up to fill in.

OC Marathon water station needs volunteers.

2:21 - Fundraising Report

Frances delivered the fundraising report.

Friends membership numbers driven up by two individual \$1,000 memberships.

Dave Waller procured donations for Earth Day opportunity drawing. Recommend we do not hold a midyear fundraising appeal due to multiple other activities.

Dave also discussed plans for October Golf Tournament. Shared artwork for mailer and discussed same as an insert for Tracks. Should begin accepting registrations in early May. Will be a silent auction for experiences/adventures.

2:40 – Anniversary Book Report

Frances discussed progress on book. Currently working on gathering photographs from Robinsons era through the present. Interviews are ongoing. Book will have 8 1/2 x 11 format, 160-180 pages. An outline of contents was provided for review.

2:50 – Tracks Newsletter

Peter circulated draft of next tracks newsletter which has just gone to the publisher.

2:52 – Restoration Report

Frances delivered report on Bayview.

Funding from SCWRP used and \$6,000 remains from USFWS. USFWS funding will be used for signage.

Lower part of Upper Bayview impacted by rains where water pooled. The sagebrush and encilia are faring poorly as many have died. Will research changing the plant mix in the areas where pooling occurred.

Peter reviewed updated provided by Bob Stein. Selenium diversion has reduced number to 19.9 ppb which is low enough to release phase 2 funding for restoration

Reviewed contents of project summary provided by David Poll, specifically the topic of the Short hole borer and how it may impact future restoration.

3:15 Water Quality and Trash

Peter Bryant – Appears the city has abandoned up on putting water wheel in the nature preserve. Unsure how they will proceed.

3:26 – Education Report

Tim delivered education report.

Education committee created listing of expenditures to prioritize and proposed having public rather than just the board or membership prioritize. Decision was to add the prioritization topic to the survey distributed at Earth Day. Also decided to expand the question about how often they visit the bay. These were consensus decisions that did not require a vote.

3:34 – Board Development Report

Tim delivered development report.

Continuing effort to fill vacant board seats. One issue is time of the board meeting; can we explore holding meetings later in the day and host at the Muth center. Discussion centered on pros and cons of changing the meeting schedule. Liz moved we change the monthly board meeting time to 5:30 to 7:30 and the location to the Muth center contingent upon the Muth centers availability. Tim Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

3:51 – Advocacy committee.

Peter covered Water Wheel in Water Quality/Trash report and there is no new news on Lands Pass,

4:04 – Adjournment

Randall moved to adjourn, Molly second, carried unanimously.