

Newport Bay Conservancy

April 18th, 2018 Board Meeting

Muth Interpretive Center

Minutes

Board Attendees: Peter Bryant, Randall English, Josie Bennett, Pam Winkler, Donna Flower, Derrick Ankerstar; Tim Brown; Ian Swift; Kimberly Bick

Staff Members: Heather Cieslak,

Excused Absence: Dick Zembal; Joana Tavares; Taylor Sais; Chris Epting

5.40- Call to order/roll call: Peter Bryant

Discussion on the Board Development Committee nomination of Kimberly Bick as a new board member; Tim Brown motioned for acceptance – seconded by Donna Flower; vote of the board was unanimous

5:50 – Kayaking in the Bay – Randall

Open discussion on Kayaking in the side channels of the Bay – continue to monitor and advise people they are not to enter those channels; call CalTip to report violators. Heather reported that the buoy signs were being redesigned with a grant from REI and it was hoped that this would make it clearer where the kayaks were allowed.

6.00 - Minutes

Approval of the minutes from February meeting (no meeting held in March due to board retreat) – motion by Randall English; seconded by Derrick Ankerstar - unanimous

6:02 – Operations Report - Heather

No formal report but announcements that we have some local support; local vet contributing a portion of every dog grooming and J.Crew will donate 10% of all sales to the Conservancy during Earth Day. May 19th we will have Volunteer training and May 20th Kayak training. Discussion on hiring a Restoration Coordinator – it was agreed that Ian and Josie would participate in the interview process. Motion was made by Tim Brown to move forward with hiring the coordinator; seconded by Ian Swift - vote was unanimous.

6.15 – Financials – Donna

Review of 1st quarter financials and discussion on internal operations budget. Motion by Tim Brown to accept the budget as presented; second by Kimberley Bick - unanimous

6.26 Restoration Committee Report – Peter and Josie

1st progress report on Big Canyon – project is on track. A team survey was completed on the easement – this went well but access was limited – short discussion on use of drones in the Bay

The projects for the removal of Egyptian Knapweed and Algerian Sea Lavender are ongoing – ASL is being removed by groups of volunteers and OC Parks and CAL-IPC are working with NBC on control of the Egyptian Knapweed.

6:40 Fundraising Committee – Randall

Golf Tournament – some concerns have been raised about the effectiveness of this fundraiser. A breakdown of costs will be available soon in regards to holding the event at Strawberry Farms. The committee is discussing alternatives to the Golf Tournament – maybe a reception or sit down meal celebrating the 50th anniversary. Jim Cokas has agreed to design the 50th anniversary logo and Heather is going to contact the City of Newport Beach in regards to possibly hanging banners off of the light poles. Randall is interested in putting more focus into a digital presence with YouTube – Snapchat – Instagram etc.. in order to appeal to younger people and get them involved. Final draft of the NBC Field Guide went to the publishers.

6:52 Board Development and Education Committee

Board Development Committee did not meet this month.

Education Committee is moving forward with the 3D model of the Bay to be located in the area where the Magic Planet is currently located at The Muth Center. There is currently 78,000.00 available for this project and the committee is trying to make sure they stay within budget but that the model depicts what everyone is looking for. Portions of the Magic Planet display will be re-used and OC Park funds will be available for certain accessories such as TV Screens.

The Education Committee will also be looking over the syllabus for Naturalist training

7.16 – Adjournment – Donna Flower motioned and Ian Swift seconded – unanimous