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NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 5:30 PM, **ZOOM**

Attending:

President – Kim Bick

Board members – Mario Cuevas, Julie Ferguson, Sherry Marger, Susie Onate, Cassandra Radcliff-Mendoza, Taylor Sais, Dave Waller

Past President – Randall English

Staff and guests –Peter Bryant, Heather Cieslak

OC Parks - Derrick Ankerstar

Absent: Ramraghi Fuller, Angie Vizarian

5:36 Call to order/roll call: Kim

Approval of Minutes: Julie moves; Cassandra seconds
Minutes, as modified, are approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Heather

July was reconciled. It was a quiet month. Funding from Plein Art and merchandise are on track with our expectations. Statement of financial position is presented; some monies are in retention from grants. There were no major expenses from restricted moneys in the past month. It was lots of work to pay the artists from the show. All that payment has been done.

Operations Report: Heather

There will be an adjustment to volunteer training to match OC training. We’re still hiring FiiN staff; there are 8 candidates but we need 12. Heather is wrapping up the 2021 financials for the CPA. The Fly Friendly Program kicked off. Over 100 private operators are going through the program. We are hoping for NBC donations. Helicopters are going electric. Gourmet by the Bay had awesome support. Coastal Cleanup Day planning is in process. We’re aiming for 1,000 people. Share the link. OPC grant for Big Canyon was submitted. Kizh nation tour occurred at the Muth. We have to draft a new license agreement for Big Canyon. Back Bay Science Center community days are planned for once a month 10/16, 11/20, and 12/18. Alys and Heather participated in a panel on climate change with OC Community Foundation at the Muth Center. Tour of Banning Ranch followed by a Climate Change Panel featuring Alys, Heather and other nonprofit partners. They got \$100 million to close escrow on that public land in the next couple of months. Owners will remediate the property. There’s a push for donors to protect environment. Tom and Linda White were on the tour.

Research and Advocacy Committee: Peter

To prepare for the World Wetlands Day symposium, Peter circulated a list of past programs. The committee is proposing a topic on climate change and wetlands – Are Wetlands Carbon Sources or Sinks? August is not a busy time for legislators, so there is no update on advocacy. We confirmed that the committee can recommend advocacy of a bill to the executive committee who

will approve or reject the proposal based on whether or not the legislation is relevant to our mission.

Restoration Committee: Randall

They are still working on financials for Phase 2A. They have backed off volunteering in Big Canyon because it's too hot. CRAM assessment was completed. Adopt-a-plot will not be held at SAC. Less access and less trail were discussed in phase III design. Randall wants to push for keeping as much trail as possible. The point is that the northern part of the trail does not connect with the others. People want to get their pictures taken in key spots along the current trail system. They continue operations and outreach.

Board Development Committee: Taylor

Send board development statement out to the whole committee? Kim and Heather say yes. It will go in the board drive as well. Two candidates have been suggested by Peter B. and Susie, and we need two more (Randall, Sherry, Angie, and Dave are cycling off). Interviews will be the first week of Sept. and at the end of the month.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee: Susan

Implicit Bias training – Kim, Susan, and Heather will meet to propose dates and send a survey to determine availability and preferences: December 2022 or January 2023

Education Committee: Julie

For the naturalist course: if are there special needs that any committee has, send them to the Ed committee as potential topics for new naturalists to propose as projects. They submitted a blurb for their committee.

Community Outreach, Website, Tracks: Cassandra Radcliff

They are focusing on Coastal Cleanup Day, Sept. 17. The *Tracks* subcommittee met and put together notes for 2023 calendar. Let Cassandra know if you have ideas. They are coming up with job descriptions for *Tracks*. We had a discussion of getting *Tracks* available online.

New Business:

Randall: by-law changes need to get done by the next meeting

Heather: Kizh nation provided reading material. Heather encourages us to read material on their legal case to get federal recognition.

6:57 Adjournment: Randall moves; Julie seconds

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jarratt
Secretary