

Newport Bay Conservancy
October 18, 2017 Board Meeting
Muth Interpretive Center

Board Attendees Peter Bryant, Randall English, Ian Swift, Donna Flower, Tim Brown, Josie Bennett,

Staff Members: Heather Cieslak,

Excused Absence: Dick Zembal, Frances Cork, Liz Flint, Chris Epting, Pam Winkler

Visitors: Dale Finke, Derrick Ankerstar, Dave Waller

5:35 - Call to order/roll call: Peter Bryant

Quorum present, meeting proceeded.

5:36 - Introduction Board Candidate Tim Brown

Tim introduced and recommended Derrick Ankerstar as potential board member for OC Parks seat.

Derrick is an OC native, Graduate of Long Beach State, been with OC Parks for 5 years. After introduction Derrick gave a few more details about himself and an informal Q & A followed.

5:45 - Approval of minutes from August 16 2017 Meeting: Randall English.

Donna moved , Tim seconded Unanimous

5:46 - Approval of minutes from September 20 2017 Meeting: Randall English.

Donna moved , Tim seconded Unanimous

5:47 NBC Golf Fundraiser – Dave Waller

Dave share details from the inaugural event, a nine hole golf tournament with focus on fun more than competition. Was an after tourney banquet catered by the Newport Rib Company with a silent auction and raffle. Although just 16 participants event still managed to net in the range of \$4,000 to \$5,000. General agreement event was a resounding success and will be continued next year.

6:00 Operations Report – Heather Cieslak

Front desk coverage on weekends is sparse, need volunteers.

Interviewing for an assistant coordinator to cover while Adele is on maternity leave.

Membership drive is coming.

California Boating and Safety grant was approved but is delayed as CA Boating under CA Parks and that adds a layer to processing.

6:05 Treasurer's Report: Donna Flower

Asked if any discussion needed on previously provided Balance Sheet or Profit and Loss Statement. There was none.

Presented a refresher on the of purpose and contents of a variance report. Then continued with review of current (3Q) variance report. Forecast is for a positive variance and adding to our reserves at the end of the year.

Presented Federal tax form 990 and State tax form 199 for approval to submit.

Tim moved to approve submission of finalized Federal Tax Form 990 State Tax Form 199, Randall seconded, Carried unanimously

6:15: Restoration Committee: Peter gave in Dick's absence.

Removal of invasive Algerian Sea Lavender is continuing on multiple fronts. .

Peter had Josie present news on Big Canyon. Josie attended California Coastal Conservancy meeting where Eryan Sloane presented grant request to CCC board. Few questions were asked, dispersal of up to 640k to NBC for Phase 2 of the project was approved.

Will be initial follow up Meeting with Peter, Heather Josie of NBC and Bob Stein, Mark Vucovich, Dave Webb and Laura Detwiler representing the City of NB. Meeting to discuss next steps, RFP seeking bids for a manager/managing phase 2, setting up a technical advisory committee and a smaller steering committee

6:24: Education Committee: Tim Brown

New Naturalist classes continuing, next Thursday Dennis Kelly presents Fishes and Tides.

Entire schedule is on line.

6:26 Lands Pass Update – Peter Bryant

DFW is moving ahead with lands pass program for UNB. Will not be a vehicular fee (parking) but a fee to use big canyon loop trail. There is resistance from groups affiliated with other local parks under the Lands Pass program, NBC will observe their efforts and will work with others to rescind. Repeated general discussion on justification for, ability to enforce

7:00 Planning Annual Meeting and Election Heather Cieslak

Tim and Heather completed drafting agenda. Have more voting members due to an increased number of naturalists. Need a 15-20 min presentation to show while votes tallied, Peter will provide. Voting packets have been mailed to eligible members. Need volunteers for election committee. Randall and Donna stepped up to fill roles.

7:20 Other Business Peter Bryant

Articles for the fall issue Tracks are available for review in google docs.

John Kappeler forwarded Peter a notice for a meeting about Improving Water Quality in the Greater Newport Bay General agreement NBC should be represented at the meeting.

Liz Flint who previously chaired the advocacy committee and had discussed becoming seeking Ramser Site designation for the UNB is not seeking reelection to the board after her term expires. Discussion on seeking a replacement candidate.

Board Development Committee have secured several outstanding candidates on ballot for Novembers meeting. Will continue search. One identified need is for a lands use attorney to fill a board seat.

Further discussion on grants committee roles, discussion of Marketing and Fundraising as separate committees and are committees needed or just volunteers to do the work. No

Dale reviewed prior work on trash wheel and plans to stay involved keeping board updated.

7:30 Adjournment

Donna moved to adjourn, Tim second, unanimous