

**Newport Bay Conservancy**  
September 20, 2017 Board Meeting  
Muth Interpretive Center

**Board Attendees:** Peter Bryant, Randall English, Liz Flint, Josie Bennett, Chris Epting, Pam Winkler, Donna Flower, Tim Brown,

**Staff Members:** Heather Cieslak,

**Excused Absence:** Dick Zembal, Ian Swift, Frances Cork

**5:35 - Call to order/roll call:** A quorum was present

**5:40 - Approval of minutes from August 16 Meeting:** Randall English.

Minutes were distributed late, approval deferred until October meeting to allow more time to review and amend.

**5:43 Treasurer's Report:** Donna Flower

OC parks approved \$60,000 for new interpretative signage around the bay. Designs for signage were circulated for review.

**5:44: Board Development Committee:** Tim Brown

Discussed resignations/trying to make 3 pro tem appointments before November's Annual meeting.

Continued last month's discussion regarding OC Parks Representative re: skill set/expectations.

Staff working with Tim over past month noted he shows a skill set that matches NBC board's needs.

Tim asked Board Development Committee interview Tim and make a recommendation to general board.

Further discussion about filling open roles including but not limited to; Fundraising and Marketing Outreach Chairs, sub-committee roles to fill in Grants, Membership, Corporate, Special Events and Liaison with City of NB.

**5:55: Introduction:** Chris Epting

New pro tem member Chris gave his background/bio. skill set and vision on the ways he could serve the board. Donna opined may be a perfect fit for Marketing Chair. Chris expressed interest in contributing to Tracks.

**6:20: Operations Report:** Heather Cieslak

New class of naturalists has begun with 17 volunteers participating,

PIMCO looking to introduce another potential board candidate.

Inaugural golf tournament is slated for October 14. Please forward information to any potential player or donor.

SOCALPAPA requested moving art show to October 20-21 or 27-28. OC Parks has no reservations about the date change.

Only consideration raised in discussion was how the shorter amount of daylight at that time of year could affect the event.

Coastal Cleanup Day September 16 saw 500 + volunteers at the Peter and Mary Muth center and another 134 at the Back Bay Science Center collectively remove over 6 tons of trash and recyclables from in and around the bay.

OC Public works completed the Delhi Bridge project and it has reopened to the public. Back Bay Drive will be periodically closed to all vehicle traffic as OC Public works has begun resurfacing. Closures are limited to M-F and is expected to continue into October. Detours will be posted throughout the process.

**6:47: Education Committee:** Tim Brown

Committee did not meet in September. Work continues on the prioritized list of Muth Center improvements. A bid for the 3-D model of the bay came in at \$51,921.88. This bid includes everything from the initial design to fabrication to the shipping and installation of the exhibit.

**6:50: Restoration Committee:** Josie Bennett

Big Canyon – At the California Coastal Conservancy’s meeting next week we are on agenda for approval of \$640,000. This is intended to fund the design and permitting required for all 3 parts of the project and the completion of the feasibility report on the remediation of the ponds.

Algerian Sea Lavender -Weekly Wednesday weed pulls and Matt Yurkos Stewards Day efforts have completely removed ASL from two areas along Back Bay Drive; one is opposite the pump station, the other between the salt dike and Big Canyon Creek. Work continues in the small cove due north of the Big Canyon Parking lot.

Shot hole borers Kuroshio and Polyphagous – Plan to discuss with the California Coastal Conservancy strategy and methods to further engage the City of Newport Beach in control efforts.

**7:05 – Other Business**

CDM HS lighting – High School S is asking for more lighting, neighborhood asking for more information about effects on wildlife.

Upcoming World Wetlands Day Feb 5. Idea for Symposia, Climate change and changing weather patterns.

**7:10 - Move To Adjourn;** Donna moved, Randall second. Carried unanimous.