NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 5:36 PM, In Person and **ZOOM**

Attending:
President – Bryan Tsu
Board Members – Julie Powers, Mario Cuevas, Susie Onate, McKenna Wegner, Peter Bryant, Maureen Flanagan, Yugina Yun, and Lori Metherate
Staff and guests - Heather Cieslak, and Thomas Shields
OC Parks – Molly Waldram

Excused Absence: Diane Daruty and Bettina Eastman

5:48 Call to order/roll call: Bryan

Approval of Minutes:
July 2025 Board Minutes
Molly moved; Julie seconded; Unanimously approved

1. **Operations Report: Heather**

   The Operations Report was provided (see attached).

2. **Treasurer's Report: Julie**

   The Finance Committee Report was provided (see attached).

3. **Board Development: Stacey**

   The Board Development Committee Report will be provided at the next meeting. Thomas and Maureen were introduced as new board members.

4. **Restoration Committee: Yugina**

   The Restoration Committee Report was provided (see attached). The Restoration Committee is preparing for Coastal Cleanup Day and Big Canyon Phase III.

5. **Fundraising Committee: Bryan**

   The Fundraising Committee Report was provided (see attached). Heather highlighted the success of the recent art show and Gourmet by the Bay event, raising $48,000 and $15,000 in ticket sales and silent auction proceeds, respectively

6. **Education/DEI Committee: Mario**

The Education Committee Report will be provided at the next meeting.

7. <u>Research and Advocacy Committee</u>: Peter

The Research Committee Report will be provided at the next meeting.

8. <u>Community Outreach Committee</u>: Bettina

The Community Outreach Committee Report will be provided at the next meeting.

A Spirit Run Committee will be formed with Yugina and Molly as initial volunteers.

The board discussed the potential partnership with Diamond Wish, a new jewelry store in Newport, and the need for due diligence.

The board also discussed planning a holiday dinner for socialization and McKenna will help organize it.

6:43: Adjournment: Molly moved; Maureen seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Onate
Secretary