

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 Metherrate

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. Research and Advocacy Committee: Peter

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

8. Community Outreach Committee: 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