



NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 8:30 PM,
In-person, Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center & **ZOOM**

Attending:

President - Cassandra Radcliff

Board Members – Peter Bryant, Saam Shams, Bettina Eastman, Mario Cuevas, Susan Jarratt,
Bryan Tsu, Ramraghi Fuller, Stacey Tutt, Susie Onate, McKenna Wegner, Lori Metherate

Staff and guests - Heather Cieslak

OC Parks – Molly Waldram

Excused Absence: Rubi Ontiveros, Cesar Gallo

8:30 Call to order/roll call: Cassandra Radcliff

The November meeting of the board of directors followed the adjournment of the Annual Meeting (agenda, attached).

During the Annual Meeting, the proposed changes to the bylaws, extending board members' terms from 2 years to 3 years, were approved, and the proposed board candidates were approved.

The new Board of Directors is now comprised of:

Peter Bryant (New term ending 2027)
Lori Metherate (New term ending 2027)
Julia Powers (New term ending 2027)
McKenna Wegner (New term ending 2027)
Yugina Yun (New term ending 2027)

Mario Cuevas (Existing term ending 2025)
Bettina Eastman (Existing term ending 2025)
Susie Onate (Existing term ending 2025)
Rubi Ontiveros (Existing term ending 2025)
Bryan Tsu (Existing term ending 2025)
Stacey Tutt (Existing term ending 2025*)

Molly Waldram (OC Parks representative)

*Ms. Tutt's term was scheduled to end in 2024. As the membership voted to extend the board terms from 2-years to 3-years at the Annual Meeting, Ms. Tutt was unable to commit to a new 3 year term, given near-term relocation expectations, and was noted on pg 39 of the Annual Meeting presentation as being a departing Board Member. However, to assist with ongoing transition on the Board, she agreed to remain for an additional year (extending her existing 2-year term to 3 years) and serve out her full term under the newly approved bylaws. Mr. Tsu, in his newly appointed capacity as President, noted an ability to re-appoint Ms. Tutt as a Board Member under "Section 8. Vacancy" of Article V of the organization's by-laws. Ms. Tutt later clarified, as Board Development Chair, that this was not necessary as the newly adopted bylaws change meant that existing board members who were appointed under the old 2-year term limits would have the option to either a) depart at the conclusion of their 2-year term, b) decide to extend their term for 1 year to match the new 3-year terms, or c) renew for 3 years (with Ms. Tutt's option being b.).

Outgoing Board Members:

Rahmragi Fuller (departing Treasurer)
Cesar Gallo (departing Vice-President)
Susan Jarrat (departing Secretary)
Cassandra Radcliff (departing President)
Saam Shams

The Board of Directors made the following appointments:

Bryan Tsu - President
Bettina Eastman and Stacey Tutt - (co) Vice-Presidents
Susie Onate - Secretary

The Board agreed to appoint the role of Treasurer at the next meeting.

9:00: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Tsu, President in lieu of Susie Onate, Secretary

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or

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Agenda

- 1. 7:00pm Call to Order
Greetings and Welcome
Acknowledgements of Appreciation**
- 2. 7:05pm Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting**
- 3. 7:10pm President's Annual Report**
- 4. 7:30pm Treasurer's Annual Report**
- 5. 7:40pm Presentation of Board Candidates & Bylaws Changes**
- 6. 7:50pm Election**
- 7. 7:55pm Short Break**
- 8. 8:10pm Announcement of Election Results**
- 9. 8:20pm Adjournment of Meeting**