

APPROVED XX, 2017

MINUTES

MBCA BOARD MEETING
Thurs., October 12, 2017 5:00 PM, YVCC

Regular Meeting Call to Order:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Bardwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Rieman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Fick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claudia Sall
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pat Flanagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seth Shteir (teleconf.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meg Foley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laraine Turk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Kennington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marina West

Meeting called to Order: 5:15pm

Introduction of Guests and Board Directors

No guests present

Agenda Input

No additional input to Agenda

Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2017

MSC: PF/LT Accept minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report

SB reported that SCE grant monies (\$2,000) has been received. Total account balance: \$55,002.51. No current invoices due and has filed "CA-SI100 Form" as required.

Treasurers Report accepted as presented.

Capacity Building & Organizational Issues

1) Finance Committee report: annual budget, etc. - Steve

The Committee has not been able to meet.

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2) Grants status: a. Rose “*Indigenous Place, Space, & Presence*” – Pat; b. DWL / AWAC & Edison grants – Marina; c. STEM grant program – Claudia

PF reported that the “event booklet” is in process. Vicki Waite is editing now. SB reported remaining \$1,300 in budget for this publication. Additional funds are available from UCRiverside. The plan is to print 1,000 copies and distribute free of charge to the tribes that attended the event.

CS reported on the STEM Opportunity and then discovered it is an individual scholarship grant. Therefore MBCA cannot facilitate this grant as originally suggested.

3) MBCA Letter writing protocol - Laraine

The Committee is PF, SK, SB and David Lamfrom. Now that SS has rejoined the Board the Committee will be SB, PF and SS. The general guidelines are that the Committee either constructs comment letters or signs on to comment letters drafted by others (i.e. North Slope Coalition, CDB, etc.) on behalf of the full Board.

LT will write the guidelines for review by the Board. - **DONE**

4) Events committee report: – RR, MW, CS

- Fall program: Net Zero Energy;

SK reviewed the schedule for the meeting. RR is finalizing the press release with assistance from the committee. SB solicited 16 contractors for attendance as exhibitors. MW reviewed the additional exhibitors that have been invited. PF requested we reach out to the various Chamber of Commerce. RR reviewed the distribution list for the press release and it does include the CoC.

- DWL Landscape Tour;

RR continues to work on the “high usage” landscapes in preparation for next year. CS asked if we could fund metering a well. MF questions the costs vs. benefit. For instance, we meter the well, the water use is too high and the home drops off tour. Another thought is a temporary installation and MW confirmed that “strap-on ultrasonic” meters do exist.

- Annual meeting

Issue postponed until next meeting. CS suggested perhaps a “ZNE Part 2” or the “conservation resource faire” previously suggested by LT.

5) Director recruitment - CS

- Board packets (Goals 1 & 2 – revised; etc.)
- Nominating committee (Nov.)
- Existing directors’ terms

SK began reviewing the goals finalized at the 2017 Workshop. Regarding Goal 3 “how to’s” were keyed to “defensible data”. PF suggested a number of websites that have a lot of good data (Basin and Range Watch).

Several names were recommended for future directors.

SK reported that the following directors are completing their 3rd term: RR, MF

6) Susan Luckie Reilly MBCA-related files - Meg, David, Laraine

SK reported that SLR estate donated \$500,000 to Copper Mountain College. It is not known if there is any conditions on the money but it is to be directed toward “solar”. There is an interest in how MBCA might be able to have input into the program.

DF reported on the records review.

7) Caltrans Adopt-a-highway / MBCA renewal of 62 clean-up – David

DF reported that our stretch of adopted highway is fairly clean at this time. Our stretch is approximately Sunfair Road to White Feather Road.

8) MBCA Annual Task Calendar:

- **October** – Sec. id’s Directors who terms will expire
- **November** - Treas. Files tax form CA SI-100 in odd years + Nominating Committee recommends new Directors +

- Events Director & Committee finalizes annual Jan. meeting;
- **December** – President sends annual membership letter & invite to Jan. Annual Meeting.

*Nominating Committee will be the Officers – SK, SB, DF, and MW.
Recommendations to be brought to the next meeting.*

Outreach & Communication

1) mbconservation.org report - Laraine

LT gave the report. Committee will be meeting soon to continue discussion about improvements. LT compiled some statistics on website traffic and E-blasts. The measurements confirm that our website and E-blasts are of interest to the public receiving our news and information. PF suggests that “old” events not be removed from the site to demonstrate our past accomplishments and make these readily available as a resource for directors.

2) Promotion: lobby card; 3-fold brochure; stickers/decals; table display for use at events – Laraine, Marina

LT is researching options for the table display and will continue to work on the “3-fold” brochure.

3) Community & General plans - Pat

SK gave an overview of the “open house” and summarized the various information stations. DF noted some “down zoning” in the JT area. Other sections has been modified to RL 2.5. MW questioned if the zoning to RL 2.5 is related to a Local Area Management (LAMP) which looks a septic systems (ie. Septic ok on 2.5 acre or more).

PF attended the Barstow meeting and the JT meeting. She pointed out their solutions are more community volunteer based. She wants to see the “Goals and Policies” of the 2007 Community Plans incorporated into the Countywide General Plan so it has more force of law. These 2017 versions are not “Community Plans” but the goals and policies included in the 2007 plans will be put in the General Plan (EIR scoping meeting Oct. 26, 2017). This will bring the force of CEQA and “CA law” into the document.

SB asked what the community input should be going forward. PF suggested he review the 2007 General Plan EIR to be prepared for the 2017 EIR Scoping Meeting. SS notes that the South Coast Wildlands wildlife linkages were published in 2008 after the EIR. Clearly an item to look for in the new EIR.

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PF recommended that all review her summary documents prepared prior to the workshop. CS continues to suggest that the Community Plans with goals and policies from 2007 are totally different in the 2017 drafts. PF notes that under CEQA provides a mechanism for the public to argue projects IF/WHEN our community plan goals and policies are rolled into the new General Plan.

4) Letter to BOS re. value of JT Govt. Center – LT & DF

LT reviewed the draft letter with the Board and received comments to improve it. All approved submission of the letter to Sup. Ramos.

5) Retreat to do's

- Communicate value of tourism to Basin economy / links to economic studies / value Natl. Parks & Exec. order re. Natl. Monuments;
- Communication to Board of Realtors / Chambers: negative effects mass grading - SB

No reports due to time constraints.

6) Candidates Forum

SK noted the need for a candidate forum next year and that Marge Doyle will be running for Congress in 2018.

Conservation Issues

1) RECE – update for E-Blast

No reports due to time constraints.

2) Ord Mountain Solar Ordinance

No reports due to time constraints.

3) Cadiz Water Project and AB1000

No reports due to time constraints.

Community Reports & Events

No specific reports or events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

**Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, November 9th, 2017 5:00 PM
YV Community Center**