



MBCA **APPROVED** BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 / 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting Call to Order: 5:06 pm

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Bardwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Kennington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seth Shteir
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Fick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Lipsitz (5:15)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laraine Turk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pat Flanagan (by phone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Rieman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marina West
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meg Foley	<input type="checkbox"/> Claudia Sall	

As of this meeting the new officers for 2019 are:

President, Steve Bardwell

Vice President, David Fick

Treasurer, Marina West

Secretary, Laraine Turk

Claudia will leave the Board but will remain as a member of the Landscape Tour Committee.

Introduction of Guests and Board Directors

none

Agenda approval

- *Pat wants to be sure we take actions to get people to the Supervisors meeting when they vote on RECE 4.10. She also noted that Directors will receive invitations for the Jan. 19-20 Chemehuevi talk.*
- *Seth asked to add a Dark Sky update.*
- *Steve wanted to discuss a water meter purchase to loan to well owners.*
- *David has some information on AltaMira.*

Ruth moved to approve the agenda as amended. Marina seconded and all were in favor (10-0).

Minutes from Dec. 13, 2018 BOD meeting

*Marina noted a few edits she received and she also prepared the new officers section to meet the Bank's need for signature changes. **Ruth moved to approve, Laraine seconded, and all were in favor (10-0).***

Treasurer's Report

- *Steve and Marina just spent time working together. Checking account reconciliation is current including \$1100 to Melissa for design of the January 26 program and printing of stickers/decals and programs.*
- *Steve and Marina will get Marina authorized for the accounts at US Bank. They will order a new bank card with Marina's name and keep the one with Steve's name. Signatories on the checking account include Steve, Sarah, Ruth, David, Laraine, and now Marina. The Treasurer's report was accepted.*

Capacity Building & Organizational Issues

1) Finance Committee report

- *The committee will meet when there is an issue, so delete this from the agenda template.*
- *Marina mentioned there is nothing specifically budgeted for a fall DWL event but we can rearrange budget when it's decided.*

2) Grant status: DWL - Edison & AWAC

- *Also delete this from the agenda template; announcements will be made when appropriate.*
- *Steve is concerned that we keep an eye on deadlines for applications, especially AWAC (possibly March) and Edison (June?). Claudia probably has the information. Edison is requiring more documentation. They gave us \$2000 for 2018-2019.*

3) Purple Air monitors: AQMD funding; # to request & where to locate; BDVWA request – PF + Finance Committee

Marina reported that BDVWA applied for a monitor. Pat believes that CMC is interested. AQMD doesn't like to place them at private residences. We should urge the Town and/or HDWD to apply. The Landers Association is interested, as well as JBWD and 29 Palms Water District. There has to be WIFI available to operate. Meg will apply on behalf of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve.

4) Events Committee reports:

1. MBCA's 50th Anniversary Committee

- a. Annual Mtg. & Energy Summit / Jan. 26, 2019 – programs (250)
- b. commemorative book: logo & sponsor logos; paper stock #10;
- c. publicity & invitations: Desertmoon pictorial; e-Vites; etc.

*Steve reviewed the food budget with a proposal from Lakey Kolb to cover it all for \$1025. We discussed using recycled materials and decided to eliminate the muffins and just have cookies, which would take the total down to about \$900. A \$250 deposit is required for Alikis (Greek food vendor) on Saturday. **Ruth moved to accept the revised bid of \$1000, Seth seconded, and all were in favor (10-0).***

- *For the Keynote presentations, Ruth has asked David and Angelina to share their history and what they think about future of renewable energy. Pat noted that CPUC just turned down a SCE request for a PPA in Imperial Valley; "it's not needed." Pat will send us the info. Pat and Ruth will talk about the topic of recommending where additional solar should go. Seth suggested the possible regionalization of Cal-ISO can be another topic. April Sall has asked for a few minutes on the program to alert people to an upcoming CDC workshop.*
- *We discussed logistics and after-event plans for the speakers.*
- *Sarah will confirm the panelists.*
- *Thanks to Mike for all the PR. Ruth will try to contact Judith Wilson from the Desert Sun.*

Laraine shared some content for the 50th Anniversary Book and asked whether we should have some historic items on display at the Energy Summit, but there was agreement to just have the usual table display plus the 50th stickers.

Ruth asked about a deadline for the book; the end of February seems advisable. Ruth and Claudia are working on Tour history for the book. Cathy and Ruth worked on the Essay Contest part of the book.

Steve wants to give the 2 Chambers of Commerce the 50th logo and information about the Energy Summit for their calendars – Mike will help. Waiting for radio station response on an ad. Marina has worked with Melissa for the next 4 Desert Moon real estate/pet adoption publications. Laraine and Meg will merge RSVPs into an Excel spreadsheet for the event. Meg sent out 287 Paperless Post invitations; 17 have responded so far, and Laraine reports 12 RSVPs via our website. Meg will try to do a reminder email.

Mike reported on the final program decisions and content corrections.

2. DWL Committee - Landscape Tour / April 27 & 28, 2019
15 sites have committed and second requests are out to 8, so there are 23 possible sites. Hopefully the list will be final by January 15. Marina will work on program text and then with Dave on the final program.

5) Susan Luckie Reilly: MBCA-related files / Julia Sizek's report - MF, DF, LT
Laraine and David will meet with Julia. Ruth has been trying to get in touch with DJ Masker about attending the 50th.

6) mbconservation.org / E-blasts – SK & LT
There have been no major website changes recently though improvements are planned. At the event we'll have the website projected or a slideshow of MBCA events and the Tour. There's a meeting with the tech people at YVCC at NOON on Friday.

7) MBCA memberships / renewals + end of year donations (4 totalling \$650)

8) (Added) *Steve suggests that we purchase a device that could measure well water usage that we could loan to local residents. This idea resulted in part from problems with measuring water usage for Tour sites with wells. Marina said these would at least measure the flow rate on the well but we would need to loan it for some length of time to get good usage data. The device is about \$200. Meg noted there are also hose measuring devices that are cheap, perhaps \$20. Marina and Steve will do more research and we might budget for this next year.*

Conservation Issues

1) Paradise Valley EIR / CBD & Sierra Club spearheading opposition: next hearing Jan. 30, 2019– PF, SS

Neither Seth nor Pat were able to be in on the most recent call. Pat will contact Chris Clarke to get updated.

2) Solar projects– updates

- Daggett EIR release : pending ?
- Ord Solar & Energy Project

Pat said that scoping is coming for the Calcite Solar Project in Lucerne Valley (this is separate from the Calcite substation).

Terri Rahhal hasn't hear from Sienna Solar for a while.

No news on the Daggett EIR release; it's basically on hold waiting for next steps. It could get turned down per CPUC decision noted earlier.

3) Countywide Plan & Community Action Plans

- RECE 4.10: BOS vote 1/29/19 – SS's comment letter for MBCA sign-on

Pat asks that we encourage attendance at both the San Bernardino Government Center and the Burke Center in Joshua Tree. We should plug it at the Energy Summit.

Pat will be meeting with Dawn Rowe (and Steve Mills?) on January 16 at the JT office. Mark and Christine are in place at the JT Government Center as local support for the Supervisor. Supervisor Rowe says she is in favor of reconstituting the Morongo Basin MAC but the BOS needs to approve it.

- Draft Countywide Plan EIR release in December?

Per Seth, the Countywide plan will be released in mid-late February. Seth, Pat, and Steve are working on a letter regarding the EIR that should be sent before the EIR is published but also as an official letter after the EIR is published, with other organization sign-on's. Emphasis should be on wildlife corridors, and updating maps without having to go through Supervisors. Seth will work with Pat.

4) Cadiz water harvesting proposal – updates

Chris Clarke will present to MB Dems on Saturday morning. The EIR for Cadiz is being challenged, not accepted by California Fish and Wildlife (inadequate). They didn't do an EIS. The courts accepted the EIR but Fish & Wildlife denied them a stream change permit, related to the pipeline.

5) (added) Seth: Dark Sky update

Tom O'Key talked with Dawn Rowe, who said she is in support of the 3rd District Dark Sky Committee's efforts. Seth will be meeting with Code Enforcement Chief Andy Wingert next week.

6) (added) David: Alta Mira update.

David spoke of some possible actions leading to settlement. If there is a settlement, we might try to get LUS to downsize the zoning designation.

Outreach & Communications

1) Split Rock Landscape / Health Care District: MBCA participation – LT & ML
Nothing new.

There was additional discussion about the Energy Summit. Mike will create tent name cards for speakers. Laraine will bring audience question cards and evaluation forms.

Ruth moves to spend up to \$100 on a spa treatment for Claudia as a thank you for her service as a Director. Steve seconded and all were in favor (10-0).

Adjournment 7:00 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 14 2019 5:00 – 7:00 PM

VALENTINES DAY!

YV Community Center / Mesquite Room