

Approved October 11, 2018

MBCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018

5:00 – 7:00 PM

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 type="checkbox"/> Pat Flanagan	<input type="checkbox"/> Seth Shteir
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meg Foley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laraine Turk (via
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Kennington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marina West
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Lipsitz	

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Introduction of Guests and Board Directors

No guests in attendance.

Minutes from July 12, 2018 BOD meeting

RR/SB motion to accept the minutes with minor correction.

Treasurer's Report

SB reported the CD \$22,034.48 and checking account \$29,803.48 for a total of \$51,848.77. RR asked what the original amount of the certificate of deposit was. DF said it was a \$10,000 donation but couldn't remember when it occurred. All commented on the growth of that CD to today. CS asked if MBCA can invest elsewhere such as "hard money loans" for real estate. CS said she would do additional research on investments and report back to the Board.

Capacity Building & Organizational Issues

1) Finance Committee report

SB gave the report noting that our scholarship winner has now enrolled in College of the Desert. LT noted that our scholarship is paid directly to the recipient with proof of enrollment. MW added that we should not be asking for repayment, the recipient is enrolled and hopefully back on her feet at school. MW further suggested that MBCA keep in communication with her especially to

let her know that we include her on our team. Perhaps even make a concerted effort to invite her to be a docent or to help at the annual meeting.

SB further reported that all expenses have been paid in connection with the Native American publication "Where Puha Sits Salt Songs, Power, and the Oasis of Mara". Made possible through a grant from the Rose Foundation and Pat Flanagan from the MBCA Board.

The E&O insurance has been renewed. Flowers were also purchased to make amends with a citizen who was repeatedly called about SB120 because we had published the incorrect phone number.

Finance report was accepted as presented.

2) Grant status:

- *"Indigenous Place" – Rose*
- *DWL- Edison & AWAC*
- *New grants under consideration: AQ (Purple Air units) + signage (Co. shooting ord.) + 50th*

Received \$3,000 from AWAC for FY2018/19. SCE grant application was submitted. MW will reach out to water districts for next round of sponsorships.

Rose Grants deadline has passed so we will look to that next year.

3) Events Committee reports:

- *MBCA's 50th Anniversary kick-off program w/Annual Mtg. 1/26/19 – 50th Committee*

SK updated the Board. The committee has decided to publish a book to commemorate the 50 years, annual meeting date set for January 26, 2019. RR added discussion about the book layout and budget for the annual event. Discussion ensued about the number of books to produce (250, 500 or ?). RR asked the BOD if there should be a price/donation requested for the book.

SK reviewed the event schedule. David Freeman has been confirmed and RR will reach out to Angelina Galitva. They would be the keynote speakers. Then we intend to have a panel of young, up and coming, environmental scientists to talk about the next generation of leaders and their visions for the future.

The Committee is asking the BOD to establish a preliminary budget of \$8,000.

MSC Unanimous: CS/SB approved the budget estimate up to \$8,000.

- DWL Landscape Tour – 2019 dates / April 27 & 28 – DWL Committee

RR reported that 6 sites will be visited on September 29th and then the committee will meet to establish “the list” of sites.

4) Susan Luckie Reilly MBCA-related files: MF, DF, LT

LT reported that the volunteer, Julia, contacted her and reported that she has sorted the materials and will return them to LT soon.

5) mbconservation.org: issues update for E-Blast & website – SK

LT reported that ML sent out emails to council and water agency candidates. LT read the questions that were vetted by the committee and then sent to the candidates. The deadline is set for end of September and then they will be posted on the website and noted in an e-blast. LT further added that she and Nora have met regarding website updates and they are further discussing some reorganization of content. She further wants to prepare web space for the 50th anniversary content.

Conservation Issues

1) Cadiz - RIP SB 120

SB reported that the bill went through Natural Resources Committee of the Senate but it never came out of the Appropriations Committee. The bill is dead.

2) Countywide Plan & Community Action Plans / LUS presentation at MAC, 9/10/18

DF reported on his experience at the meeting. He mentioned that he is a part of several local JT Groups who have various skepticisms about the JT Action Plan. SK reported that the audience seemed satisfied with the presentation. SK talked about a “matrix” where Colin Drucker – Consultant for CoSB pointed to existing policies included within the existing Community Plans that are being dissolved. The hundreds of existing policies are being consolidated and reduced to a fewer than 100 which we will be cross referenced within this matrix. There was a discussion that JT will get a “franchise free” zone in the downtown area. CS suggested the community was ignored in the early processes but now there is more attention. She further noted the CoSB actually “down zoned” some areas. SB reported that SB1000 and SB379 are being incorporated into the Plan. The County wants to encourage growth where there is already infrastructure. SB added that the County wide plan will be an on-line interactive

plan. SB indicated It is a good sign that the County is acknowledging the digital age and is acting accordingly as they develop the County Wide Plan.

3) RECE 4.10 - follow up with Chris Carrillo on strategy to lobby Sups to support original language

No update as PF was not in attendance.

4) Solar Projects: Palen; Ord Mt.; Daggett; JT Airport

No updates provided.

5) Eagle Crest HR 5817 (Cook) - DF

DF reported that there is a CA legislative bill that requires CAISO to purchase the power from the project. Apparently, there is no Power Purchase Agreement for this project yet.

6) Proposed revisions to State Mining & Reclamation Act / LUS Agency Comments – PF

No update provided.

7) Letter to YV re. rodeo grounds - RR

MW said she spoke to past-President YV Chamber about the issue. Discovered that park grounds were not suitable for rodeo: horses were injured. I inquired about next year and the notion of grading another property, Hwy & Aberdeen, and what about the Brehm Sports Park where there appears to be a large enough area. The response was the facility has to be adequate for equine events. That gave MW the impression that a large investment is needed to keep the rodeo going.

RR has drafted a letter to the Town of YV but is thinking of holding off for a little while and just make another phone call to the city manager. The motivation for moving the rodeo is to get it closer to town and get more attendance.

Outreach & Communication

1) Directors' visits to water agencies to thank them for support of DWL - MW, ML

MW reported she attended BDVWA and 29Palms meetings in person, sent

materials to MWA and Golden State Water District for distribution to the BOD, ML attended JBWD meeting. MW noted that a final Thank You is due to HDWD on October 10th. MW will attend on behalf of MBCA.

2) Directors' presentation to Sunset Rotarians – LT & SK

LT and SK attended this meeting and gave a presentation on MBCA.

3) Split Rock Landscape: Joe Ruddon, Health Care District requested MBCA participation in a community project - LT

ML reported that he and LT met with Joe Ruddon and David Smith, Marinna Wagner, Madena Asbell, and Jackie Combs. They are looking at a 12-month timeline. ML and LT stressed low water. MDLT suggested plants be ordered in advance from MDLT greenhouse or just purchase plants from MDLT.

4) Co. of San Bernardino App to report issues (in unincorporated areas of County) to the Code Enforcement Dept. App provides a path directly to Code Enforcement to speed up Code Enforcement actions - available for Android & iPhone.

ML reported that in discussions with the County regarding dumped tires they suggested that this app would be the way to keep them apprised of the problem and probably lend weight to getting further funding.

5) Sheriff's Trespass Arrest Authorization Program – CS

LT reported that this form can be filled out and an absentee owner can have this form on file with the Sheriff and a copy to neighbors who can then call the Sheriff on your behalf if there is trespassing on property.

6) Other issues

LT reported that the Committee on the Night Sky Ordinance met recently and is still pushing along with the need for a revised Ordinance.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018 5:00 PM
YV Community Center / Mesquite Room