

# CNPS SAN DIEGO CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 6, 2016

Audubon Offices, 4010 Morena Blvd. Suite 100 San Diego, CA

## FINAL AGENDA

**Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.** (Quorum = Six Board Members)

- I. **Quick personal reports & welcome visitors** 6:30-6:40
- II. **Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** - 6:40 - 6:45
  - A. Vote to approve
- III. **Garden Tour Debrief (Dave F.)?** (We can add him to the agenda if he comes to the meeting.)
- IV. **Review of March 2016 Minutes:** 6:45 – 6:50
  - A. Vote to approve.
- V. **Treasurer's Report:** 6:50-7:30
  - A. Vote to approve.
  - B. Investment Opportunities and Recommendations for Chapter funds (**pls review Attachments 1 and 2 before the board meeting**).
- VI. **Current Business:**
  - A. Potential contract with Matt Helbig for video (Mike G.): 7:30 – 7:40
  - B. Spring Plant Sale at Cuyamaca College 4/23/2016 (Mike G.): 7:40 – 7:50
    - a. Is it too late to get help to make seed packets (see attached email from Amy Huie, **Attachment 3**)?
  - C. CNPS Annual Report (Bobbie) (7:50-7:55)
    - a. Propagation, Invasive Plants, Publicity and Library committees have submitted reports for 2015. Do they need to be modified for the April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 time period that the annual report now covers?
  - D. Chapter Meeting Welcoming Table Assignments (Connie) - 1 minute
  - E. Old business items that may come up again are listed in **Attachment 4**
- VII. **New Business** (money to be spent, policy decisions to be made, recommendations for letters to be written): 7:55 – 8:10
  - A. Outreach at the OC Spring Home & Garden Show, May 20-22, Anaheim Convention Center (see Cathy Veenstra email and brochure, **Attachment 5**). (Mike G.)
  - B. Request to co-sponsor the Safari Park native plant garden: CNPSSD volunteer work parties and monthly docents would be needed (see attached email from Deborah DeBow, **Attachment 6**). (Mike G.)
  - C. How to keep up to date on the status of CNPS Certified Native Landscape Specialist Program (see attached email from Tish Berge, **Attachment 7**) and the CNPS Certified Botanist Program. (Mike G.)
  - D. Any suggested agenda topics for OSCAC meetings (see attached email from City of SD Park Ranger Jason Allen, **Attachment 8**)? (Mike G.)
- VIII. **Committee Reports:** (5 min each?)
  - A. **Conservation Committee Report (Frank) (8:10 – 8:30)**
    1. Vegetation Treatment Program Draft Program EIR
    2. "The Preserve" at Del Mar Mesa

- B. **Programs (Mike G)/Natives for Novices (Sue) (8:30-8:35)**
  - 1. Debrief March program.
  - 2. April 19 program: Native Gardening and Edible Landscaping by Ari Tenenbaum.
  - 3. Natives for Novices for April meeting?
- C. **Tour de Plants cancelled**
  - 1. ~~Saturday, April 16: Tour de Plants.~~ **CANCELLED** due to illness.
- IX. **Chapter Council (8:35-9:45)**
  - A. March 2016 San Pedro Mtg Debrief (Frank).
  - B. June 2016 Reno – Bobbie.
- X. **Next Meeting Date: May 4, 2016**
  - Important agenda items?
  - Tasks to accomplish prior?
- XI. **Wrap up and conclusions: 8:45-9:00**

**ATTACHMENT 1: See separate pdf file - Investment Recommendation**

**ATTACHMENT 2: See separate pdf file - Lighthouse Financial Planning**

**ATTACHMENT 3: Email from Amy Huey**

Hi Michael,

Providing seeds at the spring sale is something that I have not done in the past. I just started going to school in January and I don't have a whole lot of time to put seeds together. If you have someone who wants to head this effort up, I will be willing to work with the person.

Since there isn't a whole lot of time between now and the sale, I might suggest ordering a couple of seed mixes from Theodore Payne. An ounce of seeds will make roughly 11 seed packets. 1/4 pound makes about 40 packets. Popular mixes at the fall sales include hummingbird and rainbow. I have supplies for packaging seeds (measuring spoons, envelopes, glue sticks). I am not sure if the person who normally prints labels for the seeds will be able to help with these as she is also back in school and not used to gearing up for spring seed sales. I am sure she can forward the labels for someone else to print.

Let me know how you would like to proceed and if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Amy

**ATTACHMENT 4 – Committees and Past Items that May Come Up Again**

SD Chapter Board/Committee Chair Handbook (Bobbie): June 2016

Chapter Strategic Plan (Mike E): June? We should look at this in light of the new state CNPS strategic plan.

Website Upgrade (Connie)

Book Sales & Posters (Cindy)

Membership (Connie)

Newsletter (Bobbie)

Chapter Gardens

Old Town Native Plant Landscape (Kay)

Sunset Cliffs Native Plant Garden (Dave F.)

Invasive Plants/Habitat Restoration (Arne)

Hospitality (Betsy)

Public Outreach (Betsy)  
Library (Pat)  
Publicity (Pat)  
Newsletter (Bobbie)/Website: Working with Callie Mack on new banner design for the newsletter.

**ATTACHMENT 5: Email from Cathy Veenstra**

Good morning: Attached is our brochure for the Anaheim Show. This is our largest show which will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center on May 20, 21 and 22nd. Also our Long Beach Show is coming up at the Long Beach Convention Center on April 22, 23 and 24th. If you are interested in these shows don't hesitate to give me a call, thank you, Cathy

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**2015-2016 SHOW SCHEDULE**

The South Bay Home & Garden Show - April 22-24, 2016 - LONG BEACH, CA

The OC Spring Home & Garden Show - May 20-22, 2016 - ANAHEIM, CA

If you have any questions, please free to call or email.

Thanks,

Cathy Veenstra

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**ATTACHMENT 6: Email chain between Deb DeBow & Carolyn Martus**

3/10/2016 12:04 PM

Re: spring plant sale possibility

To Carolyn Martus Copy Connie di Girolamo • Gonzales, Michael • bobbiestephenon

I just spoke with the Safari Park representative, Katy. Unfortunately, my friend Terry didn't understand what Safari Park was proposing. Based upon my conversation with Katy, I doubt it is a project the CNPS-SD would be interested in at this time.

Safari Park would like the gardens, currently maintained by various Garden Clubs at Safari Park, to be self-supporting. The Park is encouraging the clubs to raise funds via plant sales, etc. These profits could only be spent on the garden itself. Terry is a member of the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club (not affiliated with CNPS, by the club's choice) which initiated and maintains the Safari Park Native Plant Garden.

On a related note: Terry (over 80 years old) is also very concerned that the Lake Hodges Club isn't going to be able to maintain the garden into the near future. Most members are elderly and it is a small group. If the CNPSSD has members who are concerned about protecting this native garden into the future, something could be worked out to co-sponsor the Park's Native Garden. This doesn't require a plant sale, but would require volunteers for work parties and perhaps docents one Saturday a month.

My apologies for conveying misinformation initially.

Deb DeBow

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On Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 9:25 PM, Deborah DeBow <debdebow@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Carolyn:

The fall plant sale is such a huge project, I guess I shouldn't be surprised that you are still working on it! Did you have much left over?

I have not received a call back in response to my message that I left with Safari Park staff requesting the details of what they want to do together with CNPS-SD.

My understanding, and this is second hand plus filling in the blanks, is they would like the CNPS-SD to co-sponsor a native plant sale at Safari Park in the Spring. The profits would go to CNPS and Safari Park would provide some resources (ie location, advertising, staff assistance, and some or all plant materials). I think they want CNPS plant expertise for the day of the sale, as well as to enhance use of natives in residential gardens and increase visibility of the Safari Park. This event may be much less labor intensive than the CNPS Fall plant sale.

I forwarded the names and phone numbers of the Safari Park staff spearheading this project to Mike Gonzales. I don't know if he was able to talk with them yet.

Let's stay in touch,

Deb

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On Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 8:06 PM, Carolyn Martus <carolynmartus@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Deb!

I am still working on the fall plant sale. If they are interested, we would welcome the plant donations for the fall plant sale. We could likely accept the plants now and care for them until the fall sale or take them later. I just need to know about how many and what species. Thanks for the contact.

Carolyn Martus

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On Mar 8, 2016, at 4:36 PM, Connie di Girolamo wrote:

Hi Deb,

I am forwarding this message to Mike Gonzales - he is the Chair of the Garden Committee and member of the board. He is heading up a Spring Plant Sale this year and I think he would welcome conversation with you as well as any donations. I will leave this for Mike to follow-up with you and the Safari Park for further exploration. Think the date is late April.

Mike,

Please get in touch with Deb . . .

Connie

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On Mar 8, 2016, at 3:55 PM, Deborah DeBow <debdebow@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Carolyn:

I have a friend, Terry Badger, who volunteers his time at the native plant garden at Safari Park (SD Zoological Society) who asked me to convey the message below.

A little history: We are both volunteers for the Project Review sub-Committee of the Joint Powers Authority for the San Dieguito River Park. For about 10 years, I have been the CNPS - SD appointee to the JPA's Citizen's Advisory Committee. (I wonder if President Bobbie Stephenson is aware of this... I should give her a call.)

Message: The Safari Park would like to work with CNPS - SD on a Spring Plant Sale. All profits would go to us/CNPSSD, is my understanding. They have plants to donate and would like to make it an annual event. This is second hand information, but I have a call in to the administrative assistant to the Curator to get additional information. The curator is Carrie Sharpe (760) 738-5035 and the administrative assistant is Katie (Ostroff?? didn't really get her last name from the message) at (760) 738-5054.

What do you think? Do you want to follow up with this?

Thanks,

Deb DeBow

858-509-4797 or cell 619-840-2119

I am giving you as much information as I have because I don't want to inadvertently drop the ball (I am rather swamped right now.).

**ATTACHMENT 7: Email string about certified Native Landscape Specialist Program**

Hi Mike,

Here is Caroline's info: cgarland@cnps.org.

Take care,

Tish

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**On Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 5:15 PM, Gonzales, Michael <MGONZALES@mbakerintl.com> wrote:**

Thanks for the info. Clayton is no longer on the Board. So, how do I get ahold of Caroline to see if she can report to the Board every so often?

Thanks,

Mike

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From: Tish Berge [mailto:tishberge@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 4:44 PM

To: Gonzales, Michael <MGONZALES@mbakerintl.com>

Subject: Re: My CNPS Volunteer Roles

Thanks Michael, appreciate your kind words and support.

The certification program is still under development and Clayton Tschudy is also on the committee. The goal is to provide a certification for those who maintain native landscapes so that we can help ensure that they thrive and serve as good examples for others. My district, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, passed a resolution of support for the program a couple years back. My role is advisory in nature, but mainly Heidi and I got my district to come on board early to help her get others to support the program. Caroline Garland, CNPS, has taken over since Heidi left the organization.

Best, Tish

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**On Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 12:31 PM, Gonzales, Michael <MGONZALES@mbakerintl.com> wrote:**

Tish, I'm very sad to see you step down from this role, but totally understand and support you. I can't thank you enough for all the great service you've provided to all of us over the years. For one thing, I would have starved to death at the Fall Plant Sales if it wasn't for you! ☺

No really, I sincerely will miss you and wish you the best!

P.S. What exactly is your role with the CNPS Certified Native Landscape Specialist Program? Can you come to a Board meeting from time-to-time to give us a status report about it?

Thanks,

Mike

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From: Tish Berge [mailto:tishberge@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 12:26 PM

To: Connie di Girolamo <connied@me.com>; Carolyn Martus <carolynmartus@gmail.com>; Pat Fishtein <pfishtein@cox.net>; Gonzales, Michael <MGONZALES@mbakerintl.com>; director@gardennative.org

Subject: My CNPS Volunteer Roles

All,

Recently, I reviewed all of my volunteer roles and had to make some difficult decisions. As the main breadwinner of my family and with two kids getting ready to go to college, I came to the conclusion that I must refocus my energies to those areas that directly support my family.

As a result, I decided to stop the volunteer activities with CNPS that are not supported by my employer. I will continue my involvement with the CNPS Certified Native Landscape Specialist Program, but will not be continuing my involvement with the plant sale or garden tour.

I have enjoyed helping with the plant sale and garden tours these past four years and appreciate having met so many talented and dedicated people. I wish the CNPS San Diego Section and each of you the very best.

Respectfully,

Tish

#### **ATTACHMENT 8: Email from City of SD**

OSCAC Members,

The only agenda request we have received for this year's meetings include:

- An overview of Park & Recreation Department activities.
- Which canyons does the Park & Recreation Department specifically administer?
- Actions & activities community members can participate in to assist in maintaining our particular canyons and open spaces.
- Our community depends on our canyons for unofficial park equivalencies...how safe are they from development?

As turnover in membership occurs we occasionally receive requests for agenda items that may not be of interest to long-term members. As an alternative to addressing these items at a meeting, we can generally address them via one on one conversations with the member.

Nevertheless, given that these items may be of interest to all members, please respond with your preference on holding the meeting April 14th solely for these items if a quorum is reached and if a majority does not want to meet in order to discuss them, we will cancel.

Please send any other agenda topics to me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Jason W. Allen

Senior Park Ranger, Open Space Canyons

City of San Diego, Park and Recreation Department