

Depoe Bay Near-Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2008 – 6:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Vice Chair L. Robison, R. Davilla, J. O'Brien, G. Snyder, V. Sovern
ABSENT: B.Fasciano, M. Fitzpatrick, L. Goddard, M. Grover

Vice - Chairman Robison called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Approve Minutes: December 20, 2007, February 2, 2008 Regular Meetings, January 17, 29 and February 17, 2008 Special Meetings

MOTION: O'Brien moved to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2007 and February 22, 2008 regular meetings and the January 17, 29 and February 17, 2008 special meetings as written. Sovern seconded the motion.

Robison said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. Sovern was thanked for her note-taking at the special meetings.

VOTE: Motion passed.
AYES: Davilla, O'Brien, Robison, Snyder, Sovern

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marine Reserves Information has not been received from Ginny Goblirsch, Sea Grant will be reporting to OPAC in the near future.

DVD Audience/Distribution Suggested distribution of the DVD included: Persons who appeared in the DVD, NSAT members, Advisory Committee members upon request, Rep. Jean Cowan, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce. Davilla said he does not need a copy since his wife received one as a councilor. O'Brien offered to work with staff on letters to accompany the DVD distribution. Concerns on selling any remaining copies of the DVD without a disclaimer /use restriction was discussed. It was agreed to not offer DVDs for sale until this issue is resolved.

Budget Request for Next Year It was noted that the NSAT mission statement includes keeping the community informed, so should budget for outreach, information dissemination, travel, etc. Including a line item for a socio-economic study was discussed. It was agreed to discuss budget proposals at the April meeting.

Brochure Development –Marine Reserves and Potential Community Impacts

It was agreed to table this item to the next meeting.

Socio-Economic Impact Study An estimated cost of a study like this is \$25,000 to \$35,000. More information on the state's direction may be available after next week's OPAC meeting. O'Brien and Snyder met with Fred Van Noy on March 17th to discuss a local study. Van Noy recommends that since the state is mandating and funding studies, the city should not do their own, instead get on board with the state and insist on local involvement. He suggests investigating previous research. If the city did conduct its own study and the outcome differs from a state-conducted study it could create conflict. A

local survey (vs study) could be conducted at much less cost. After discussion, it was suggested to hold off on proceeding with a city-funded study and be ready to be involved as the state begins its studies.

NEW BUSINESS

Chamber Awards Banquet NSAT received a “Friends of Depoe Bay” award at the annual banquet. The plaque was left with staff to be hung at city hall.

Guest Opinion Articles It was noted there are a number of “opinions on marine reserves ” being printed in newspapers. Attendance at next week’s OPAC meetings in Newport was discussed. OPAC’s scientific team (STAC) will be reporting the process needs to be slowed down. Sea Grant’s report on the outreach meetings will be presented to OPAC on Friday. O’Brien referred to a draft letter to OPAC he’d prepared (copy attached to the original of these minutes), suggesting including a comment in support of STAC’s recommendation to slow the process. It appears the Governor’s timeline is based on the state budget process and his intent is to include funding for marine reserves in the upcoming budget. It was agreed NSAT should be represented at the OPAC meeting, public comment period is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Thursday. No action was taken on the draft letter.

New Member Recruitment No action on this item.

Comments It was noted that even with outreach efforts, there is no public in attendance this evening. O’Brien said he wishes to go on record saying he believes the mayor should write a letter to the Beacon in response to a story that states “ ...Sovern was handing out DVDs like manna from heaven.” The letter should say that the mayor requested a copy of the DVD for each council member.

MOTION: O’Brien moved to recommend that the mayor send a letter to the Beacon to correct misleading information in the recent article which says Sovern was handing out DVDs like manna from heaven. Snyder seconded the motion.

Robison said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Davilla, O’Brien, Robison, Snyder , Sovern

O’Brien offered to begin working on a draft letter to send to the Governor to inform him that NSAT wishes to be involved in any socio-economic study in the Depoe Bay area.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Lars Robison, Vice-Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder