

Meeting #565

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
December 7, 2010

Committee Reports

ITEM I.2

Dolphin Statue Discussion from CBRA Meeting

The CBRA Meeting was held at the Levinson home on November 13. The business portion of the meeting took up the election of new officers and David presented a financial report for the Treasurer.

The major part of the meeting took place with a delightful presentation by the artist Bill Limebrook about the origin, history and construction of the Beach Road Dolphin project. In 1987, Bill began the project and was quite new to this. Rather than being built with the typical wax model technique, the Dolphins were sand casted and thus built in the same manner of boats—with foam and fiberglass. Surfing luminaries such as Hobey and Clark Foam were helpful with the construction and technique...but Bill did all the work and he did for next to nothing.

Most of the people at the CBRA Meeting (20) were the ones who wanted to get the Dolphins moved back to the front entrance, where they used to be. Unsolicited and at the end of his presentation, Bill, said: "I think the Dolphins could look really good in the large open space on the grass." Bill went on to say that the dolphins should be elevated, and he had some idea of how a base could be built, with a plaque, including some history.

Jerry and I invited Bill to draw up a proposal with some drawings in time for the December 7 Board Meeting. We asked him to liaise with you and Dave Gutierrez. We gave him Dave's email and cell.

We are not sure if Bill contacted Dave or you yet.

The CBRA attendees (and these were primarily the ones, whose names were on the petition to move the Dolphins) did support the idea of moving the Dolphins to the grass space and they wanted their presence enhanced. The CBRA attendees were told the safety rationale for moving the Dolphins away from the front entrance, where they were. They seemed to understand the safety issues, since the guards had different visual needs with the new 2 lane entrance, as well as the complication of now trying to procure new licenses with the various regulatory bodies.

Bottomline: The CBRA members who wanted the Dolphins moved seemed appeased and some pleased, but all certainly more knowledgeable about the impossibility of moving the Dolphins back to where they were. They supported the concept of enhancing and moving the Dolphins to a place where they would be more prominent. I hope Bill can get a drawing/proposal to the District Board in time, so it could be submitted to the Board in December. He knows this deadline. If he can't meet it, it can be done at a future meeting.

Best regards,
Nadine Levinson
CBRA Co-President