

The Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy Seeks Board Candidate Applications

Background

Since the dissolution of the California Redevelopment Agency in late 2011, the Yerba Buena Gardens community has been working together, and with the City and the Successor Agency to Redevelopment (OCII) to ensure the continued success of this treasured, thriving, and connected collection of civic assets. This work has included funding a survey of exemplary local and national projects which informed the submission of a property management plan to the State. Out of this, it was determined that the Yerba Buena Gardens properties would be transferred to the City's Department of Real Estate and that we would incorporate a new nonprofit - The Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy - to provide the coordinated and cohesive governance and management that OCII has provided over the years, and to negotiate on behalf of the Yerba Buena neighborhood. Our goal is to ensure the continued vitality of one of San Francisco's most beloved assets while addressing structural sustainability issues. The transfer of the assets from OCII to the City's Department of Real Estate is expected to occur by July 1, 2018. That is also the target date for The Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy to assume day-to-day management and operations of the Yerba Buena Gardens.

Overview

The Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy (YBGC) is now accepting applications for board membership from community members. The YBGC Board of Directors oversees the management and operations of the Yerba Buena Gardens. The board is structured to ensure representation from all stakeholders and areas of the district. The board has a maximum of 15 members with representation from the following board slots:

- Neighborhood Affordable Senior Housing Resident
- Neighborhood Market Housing Resident
- Cultural Organization
- Neighborhood Events, Activities, or Education
- Neighborhood business
- Family and/or Gardens' user
- Yerba Buena Community Benefit District nominee
- At-Large
- City Appointees

All YBGC board seats are held by the entity, i.e. business, organization, etc., not the individual person designated to fill the seat by the entity. In the case of the resident seat, however, the individual resident holds the seat. Entities are asked to designate a primary representative and an alternate to attend meetings. Alternates are not allowed for residential members. All board members and alternates are required to attend a Board Orientation and Brown Act Training between their election/appointment to the board and the next board meeting in order to have full voting privileges. Alternates attend meetings when the primary board member is unavailable. Board terms are 3 years.

The YBGC Board of Directors is expected to meet monthly and to be actively involved in the organization. All Board members are expected to serve on at least one committee and attend the Board Orientation and Brown Act Training. All applicants will be interviewed and recommended candidates would begin their term of service upon election by the full board.

Mission

The mission of the Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy is to program, operate, maintain, and improve the publicly-owned open spaces, cultural facilities, and related components of San Francisco's Yerba Buena Gardens, working in conjunction with the Garden's nonprofit cultural organizations, commercial tenants, and the City and County of San Francisco, for civic and public benefit and enjoyment by the City's visitors and residents.

Next Steps

If you are interested in being considered for a board seat, please email the following information to Cathy Maupin, cmaupin@ybcbd.org, by April 15, 2018.

1. Resume and bio
2. Any special skill sets relevant to the work of the YBGC
3. Information on other community involvement/board service, etc.
4. A statement expressing your interest in serving on the YBGC Board of Directors and the board slot you propose to fill.