

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 7-9pm
Stamps House, 200 Stamps Lane, Manila

Board Members: Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, Rose Patenaude, Ron Kuhnel, Nancy Ihara, Mike Wilson, Dave Weinstein, Tamara Wilson

Staff: Carol Vander Meer, Cathy Larripa

Committee Members: Lisa Hoover, Land Trust

Public: none

January Agenda

- Introduction of guests present
- Approval of minutes/assign timekeeper
- Public input
- Strategic Plan Discussion/Approval
- Discussion of what position (if any) FOD should have on the Harbor District's Marine Terminal Feasibility Study and related rail and trail issues
- Budget Update
- Financial Report
- Capital Campaign Update
- Director's Report/Project Management Update
- Questions regarding committee reports/announcements
- Upcoming Events
 - HBCECR Informational meeting for organizational stakeholders – January 16th
 - Honorary Council Reception – February 1st
 - Newsletter deadline – February 1st
- Upcoming Agenda Items
- Adjourn ~ 9:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike motioned to Approve December minutes, 2nd from John, all present were in favor. Minutes from December were approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

The suggestion was made to ask if Emily could upload the previous month's minutes into the board packet for the current month.

Nancy brought up a trail issue. The Planning Commission will be looking at a preliminary circulation report, and the Manila Community Services District trail study/report is not reflected in the county plan.

Mike motioned that Carol deliver a brief letter and presentation for the circulation element at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting

identifying Friends of the Dunes as a destination point on the peninsula and requesting that FOD be included in trail planning in the region. Ron seconds; all present in favor; motion passed.

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Strategic Plan was reviewed, with focus on the “2008 Key Strategic Objectives.” Carol took discussion notes, will do “wordsmithing,” and bring it back in February, at which time she will report back on the Stewardship/ Land Trust section.

DISCUSSION OF HARBOR DISTRICT’S MARINE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND RELATED RAIL AND TRAIL ISSUES

Ron updated the Board on the Harbor District’s plans. Discussion followed regarding Friends of the Dunes’ role in the project. The larger question expressed was how FOD will handle future situations when asked to comment on an issue. The consensus was to handle things on a case by case basis when an issue falls within our stated mission. Because the Harbor District’s project may have an impact on the coastal environment, FOD will comment.

Rose motioned that Carol draft a letter to the Harbor District to put FOD on record in public comments. This will be shared with the Board electronically. Nancy seconds; all present were in favor; motion passed.

BUDGET UPDATE

Budget approval tabled until February meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Larry was not present to report; please refer to Board packet for info.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Update included in Board Packet. Letters of intent delivered to Board members for February follow-up.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT / PROJECT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Carol reported:

- Building Site meetings have been moved to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays, and will be posted (as well as other meeting dates) on the website calendar.
- Reminder – the speed limit for the driveway is 10 MPH.
- We are initiating amending the coastal development permit to include access, parking, and the Miller property restoration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Question for Nancy (Education Committee) regarding the “tarp” – it has an outline of the Bay painted on it, and is used in classrooms for educational purposes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, 1/16/09, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Stamps House: Stakeholders' Meeting
- Friday, 2/1/09: Dunesberry deadline (Lisa will write an article on the Miller acquisition)
- Friday, 2/1/09, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Ron Kuhnel's home: Wine and Cheese Social to kick off Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- Approval of 2008 budget
- Approval of 2008 strategic plan
- Naming committee presentation
- Grants

ADJOURN 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th, 2008.