

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2008, FOD Center, 7-9pm

Board Members: Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, Michelle Forys, Nancy Ihara, Mike Wilson, David Weinstein, Tamara Gedik

Staff: Carol Vander Meer, Emily Walter, Maggie Donovan-Kaloust, Cathy Larippa

Committee Members: Lisa Hoover

Public:

August Agenda

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Public input
- IV. Vote on Center Name
- V. Board Elections
- VI. Financial Report
- VII. Capital Campaign Update
- VIII. Director Report
- IX. Building Committee Update
- X. Land Trust
- XI. Questions regarding committee reports
- XII. Upcoming events
- XIII. Upcoming agenda items

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

(none)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy motioned for approval of February minutes with corrections, 2nd from Dave, all present were in favor. Minutes from February were approved.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

- Mike talked about the Humboldt Bay Symposium, April 24-26th, and that FOD might want to get involved in some capacity, such as an open house or hosting a walk.

IV. VOTE ON CENTER NAME

Humboldt Coastal Nature Center – Gateway to the Dunes

John moved to adopt the name and tagline, 2nd from Nancy, all present were in favor.

The name will be unveiled at the Open House in April, during Godwit days.

V. BOARD ELECTIONS

Maggie gave a brief synopsis about board applicants: Matt Johnson, Roxana Taylor, Marjorie Fay, Jacqueline R. Debets, and Michael Seeber.

Nancy motioned to invite all five candidates, 2nd from Tamara, all present were in favor.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Reviewed Pamela's Financial Report
- Notice that the CA Coastal Conservancy is recommending to give \$750,000 towards the building the new center and an additional \$225,000 towards the purchase of the Bachofer property.

VII. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

- The donor cultivation training will be March 26, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Friends of the Dunes Center.
- Cathy Larripa asked all board members to consider a donation in any amount towards the capital campaign by March 13th. This is important for reporting board support on the Kresge grant we're applying for.

VIII. DIRECTOR REPORT

- FOD purchased a new data base system, Gift Works, due to our current database not functioning as well as we'd like.
- Employee evaluations are currently taking place.
- Looking into getting group employee insurance, where FOD would cover half of the cost.

X. BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Mike reported that at the last building committee meeting several things were discussed: landscaping, storage space inside and out, and reviewed conceptual plans.
 - o Steve Salzman attended the meeting and will be the commissioning agent for FOD getting LEED certified.
- The next building committee meeting is set for March 28, 3pm at the FOD center.

XI. LAND TRUST

- Watson and Bachofer have agreed to enter into contracts with FOD.
- Most of the funds to purchase these properties will be from federal money and won't need matching funds, as was the case for the purchase of the Stamps property.
- Lisa is concerned about getting stewardship funds for all of FOD properties.
- Lisa discussed her current concerns with the waterline easement.
- The next Land Trust meeting is March 19, 6pm at John Stokes home.

XII. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Carol is thinking of starting a trails committee. Michelle recommends talking to John Beers, a local trails specialist.

XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

Wallflower Wednesdays, 5-6pm all March, at the FOD Center in Manila
Fundraising Training, March 26, 6:30-8:30pm
Open House, April 20th, 1-4pm

XIV. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- New board member orientation
- Vote on waterline easement

Adjourn 8:49pm