

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes

Nov 4, 2008, Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 7-8:45 PM

Board Members: Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, David Weinstein, Marjorie Fay, Nancy Ihara, Matt Johnson, + ??

Staff: Carol Vander Meer

Public: no one

- I. **Introduction of guests:** No one
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** John St. Marie motioned for approval of October minutes; Nancy Ihara seconded. All present were in favor; minutes approved.
- III. **Public input:** None
- IV. **Action Items from October Mtg** – these should be re-visited in December when more board members present.
 - a. *Michelle will collect public access plans by CA State Parks and send to Carol as examples*
 - b. *Michelle and Rose will meet with Carol to work on an outline for a public access plan for HCNC*
 - c. *All committees must submit a 2009 budget including where money is coming from prior to the November Board meeting*
 - d. *Carol & John will meet with Audubon group on Oct 23 – there was interest, but the Audubon Board wished to consider their other priorities and also their own property...situation has “cooled” but communication is open and friendly*
 - e. *The land trust committee will look into what steps need to be taken to explore the possibility of FOD taking on responsibilities for MCSD dune property – This was deferred/cont’d for next meeting*
 - f. *The board would like Pamela to provide an expanded budget quarterly and a condensed report at all other board meetings*
- V. **Approve grant application to the Arcata Foundation for \$1000 for support for HCNC.** Motion made by John St. Marie, seconded by Nancy Ihara; all present in favor; motion passed.
- VI. **Discuss, review and approve exclusive right to negotiate for Gonzales property.**
 - a. Carol described the situation.
 - b. There was suggestion to modify language (6 months seemed too short)
 - c. Suggestion to draft “cover letter”
 - d. Dave expressed some caution, seemed an unsteady situation
 - e. Motion by ?? to draft & deliver an “exclusive right to negotiate” document as modified to Rick Gonzales, and if signed initiate appraisal through John Brooks. This motion includes expenditure of \$1000 consideration and subsequent commitment to appraisal. Seconded by John St. Marie; all present in favor, motion passed.
- VII. **Discuss and approve lands to be added to the conservation area protection plan (CAPP).**

- a. Discussion about what CAPP is, what it “commits” or does not commit FOD to, what message it sends to land owners, funders, etc. Consensus was expanding that CAPP is wise.
- b. Motion by Bill to Direct Land Trust to modify CAPP to include Gonzales but also consider other areas such as Arkley and MCSD properties, and come back to board to discuss. Seconded by John St. Marie; all present in favor; motion passed.

VIII. Progress report on developing a public access plan.

- a. Carol suggested we table this for later (messages were coming to Dave’s Blackberry on election results!)
- b. Initial document is a *really* rough draft – request feedback.

IX. Audubon Update

- a. there was interest, but the Audubon Board wished to consider their other priorities and also their own property...
- b. situation has “cooled” but communication is open and friendly

X. Financial report

- a. Nancy Ihara made motion to authorize Dave to transfer (re-allocate) \$16,317 in reserve savings into higher-interest-bearing FDIC-secured savings portfolio. Marge Fay seconded; all present in favor, motion passed.

XI. Questions regarding committee reports/announcements.

- a. Bill Weaver asked question re: transferring 50% of Dune Escape monies to Capitol Campaign.
- b. Some discussion, decided there should be more board discussion of this idea and other money allocations

XII. Upcoming events

- a. Dec 7 Sun 5-8 PM, holiday dinner; be prepared for helping decorate etc.

XIII. Upcoming agenda items – Next month! More election results rolling, speech coming!

XIV. 8:35 adjourned.