

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 7-9 pm
At the STAMPS HOUSE, 220 Stamps Lane

Board Members: Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, Rose Patenaude, Nancy Ihara, Matt Johnson, Mike Seeber, Dave Weinstein, Tamara Gedik, Mike Wilson

Staff: Carol Vander Meer, Emily Walter, Cathy Larripa

Public: None

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS PRESENT

None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy Ihara motioned for approval of November minutes, 2nd from Dave Weinstein, all present were in favor. Minutes from November were approved.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IV. ACTION ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING:

- Carol will deliver an exclusive right to negotiate agreement to Richard Gonzalez
- Mr. Gonzalez turned the agreement down. Currently in a holding pattern on this and further collaboration with Rondall Snodgrass is needed

ACTION: Carol will bring up the topic of moving the entry road from 255, so that it does not go past the Gonzalez residence.

- Dave W. will look into a higher interest account/CD for reserves.
- Dave proposes using an ING to relocate FOD money to earn more returns. CD laddering can earn FOD up to 4% and would still leave money available to FOD at anytime if needed.

ACTION: Dave will provide a local vs. non-local option of bank institutions to use at the January board meeting. All board members are to email Dave with banks they would like him to consider.

V. BOARD DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

ACTION: Mike Seeber volunteered to chair the development committee. Thanks Mike!

VI. EDUCATION STAFFING UPDATE

Denise Seeger is the new Coastal Naturalist Coordinator, working part time. Suzie Fortner is the new Education Assistant.

VII. LAND TRUST

- Approve entering into an agreement with SCC to provide public access and to qualify nonprofit organization for limited public entity tort immunity

Mike moves to approve agreement upon complete review and approval of the agreement by Bill Weaver and John Stokes. 2nd from John St. Marie, all present were in favor.

- Rescheduled December Land Trust Committee meeting to December 18th.

VIII. HCNC PROJECT UPDATE

- Resignation of Alchemy Construction as contractor
Alchemy was unable to get the needed bonding to participate in this contract. They donated \$1,760 worth of in-kind services and would like to continue working with FOD on appropriate projects.
- Next steps/needs
 - FOD needs to find a new contractor for the building project. This should not set us back, but could set FOD back in getting cost estimates for the project.
 - Putting the project out to bid could get a cheaper contractor, but may not work with where we're at in the planning process with Kash. Design/build would probably be easier than putting it out to bid.
 - FOD would like to use Alchemy as a sub-contractor on the project wherever appropriate.

IX. 2009 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dune Escape proposal/suggestions
Cathy Larripa suggests a less costly event that would be cheaper to attend, and get more people to attend. Possibly at the Adorni Center at the same time as Paddle Fest.
- Sand Sculpture Festival possible expansion
New ideas for this year are a walk-a-thon from a north beach access area to the festival. Working with and collaborating with other groups is an option; such as the Kinetic Sculpture people.
- Receive Comments on updated Strategic objectives and HCNC Vision Implementation Plan
It was suggested to make sure all appropriate items have timelines.

ACTION: Each committee should review sections pertaining to their goals and objectives and take responsibility for them. List committee name next to each item responsible for and submit to Carol.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Accept 2007 audit and management letter to the board
 - Kudos to Pamela who was shown to be doing a great job by the recent audit.
 - Rose will meet with Carol to look at how to make budget/costs/income more useful and understandable to keep track of money.
- Approve 2009 budget
Mike Wilson moves to adopt the 2009 budget in its current format. 2nd from Rose, all present were in favor.
- Review Monthly financial Report
 - Not doing well in merchandising
 - Always in need of more cash flow
- Need for additional tools for tracking operating budgets and capital development
Suggested to bring in a CFO from another organization that has been through a Capitol Campaign to help consult with Dave and Pamela. It is suggested that FOD separate Capital Campaign funds from operating funds.

ACTION: Dave will set up a meeting with a local CFO.

XI. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- So far FOD has received \$3,300 from the November Capital Campaign mailing.
- Site receptions are informal "tea & cookie" gatherings at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- December Holiday Party- December 7
- January board meeting- Jan 6
- Site Receptions: Jan 9th 5:30pm , Jan 11th-1pm

XIII. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- Interest Banking
- Health Insurance Revisited
- Contractor Update
- Gonzalez Property Update

-Adjourn ~8:45