

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2010, 7-9 pm, Samoa Women's Club, 115 Rideout Street Samoa

Board Members: Matt Johnson, Dave Weinstein, Mike Wilson, Mike Seeber, Nancy Ihara, John St. Marie, Bill Weaver, Alison Poklemba, Tamara Gedik, Laura Kadlecik

Public: Kash Boodjeh

Staff: Emily Walter, Carol Vander Meer

August Agenda

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of January minutes
- III. Public input
- IV. HCNC project update
- V. Trails planning update
- VI. Board development
- VII. Human Resources
- VIII. Financial report
- IX. Follow-up on January Action Items
- X. Comment/questions on committee reports
- XI. Upcoming events
- XII. Upcoming agenda items

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Kash Boodjeh

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Wilson motioned for approval of the January, 2010 minutes, 2nd from John St. Marie, all in favor. Motion passed.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IV. HCNC PROJECT UPDATE

Overview of project status, funding, strategy alternatives

1.7 million dollar project. Currently FOD has roughly 1M for construction. A key funding opportunity is open in May that could complete the funding. FOD is setting a goal of raising an additional \$100,000 from local donors.

There are three strategies to deal with this funding gap. A hand out was given to the board with details and pros and cons of these options.

- (1) Redesign – not looked highly upon as it would take time and coastal conservancy money would have to be returned
- (2) Going for the whole thing by getting bridge loans and keeping our fingers crossed.
- (3) Keep current design with a phased approach.

Alternative (3) is recommended by Carol Vander Meer and Laura Kadlecik

Feasibility of phased approach and impact to project

Kash added alternative (4) no project

Structurally speaking, the lowering of the floor is required in order to meet building code. Thus the floor system and roof system would have to be addressed in phase 1 if the project is to be

phased. It is perceivable to do the parking lot and bathroom with the Coastal Conservancy money as well as the first floor. Kash explained his idea of how the project can be phased to move the staff in before the building is finished. Then if additional funding is not secured in the project can be redesigned and scaled down.

Kash stated they will not exceed their contractual cost.

Vote to approve a project strategy for completion of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center
Mike Wilson motioned to direct staff to work with the architect and contractor to develop phase I. of the current building plans with a guaranteed maximum price between 1M and not to exceed 1.1M . This should be done in time to be incorporated into a construction contract to be approved at the March 2, 2010 Friends of the Dunes board meeting. Second from Tamara Gedik, all in favor. Motion passed.

Follow-up on action item to begin tire removal

Two price quotes for tire removal. Hooven's quote is lower but Laura recommends Danco as they are more invested in the project and thus will take measures to make sure the building is undamaged during the process.

Carol and Laura have worked on getting an exemption for the tire amnesty day to allow FOD to drop off up to 499 tires on March 20, 2010.

Tamara Gedik motions to engage Danco for time and materials not-to-exceed for \$12,000 to remove tires from the HCNC property, 2nd from Dave Weinstein. All present in favor, motion passed.

V. TRAILS PLANNING UPDATE

Timeline for adoption of a plan

Hoping to have an updated Draft that has been reviewed by Tom Hofweber by the March board meeting.

Land Trust recommendations

The Land Trust does not want to approve the foredune trail. A detailed report will be submitted at the March meeting.

VI. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

All board members are being asked to submit one to two board nominees to Maggie in order to have nominee applications at the March board meeting.

VII. HUMAN RESOURCES

Due to lack of time this topic will be further discussed at the March board meeting.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Carol suggests that FOD get an audit this year in light of submitting to an important grant that would complete funding for the building project.

IX. FOLLOW-UP ON JANUARY ACTION ITEMS

Fairhaven Wetlands Project

Carol followed up on this topic.

Follow-up action item on policy guidelines for board votes

Carol contacted CA Association of nonprofits. They currently don't know of policies but are looking into it.

X. COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports for this meeting.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 27, Lupine Bash
- March 20, Tire Amnesty day

XI. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Trails
Board Nominations
Human Resources

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