

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2010, 6:30-9 pm, Samoa Women's Club, 115 Rideout Street Samoa

Board Members: John St. Marie, Bill Weaver, Dave Weinstein, Mike Seeber, Marj Faye, Rose Patenaude, Mike Tout, Trevor Estlow, Tamara Gedik

Public: Kash Boodjeh, Kathie Kelly

Staff: Emily Walter, Carol Vander Meer, Maggie Stoudnour

April Agenda

- I. Dinner and Capital Campaign Meeting
- II. Introduction of Guests Present
- III. Approval of March minutes
- IV. Public input
- V. HCNC Project Update
- VI. Trails Planning Update
- VII. Board Development
- VIII. Human Resources
- IX. Financial Report
- X. Approval of Audit Proposal
- XI. Comment/Questions on Committee Reports
- XII. Upcoming Events
- XIII. Upcoming Agenda Items

I. DINNER AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETING

Overview of final stretch strategies and ways for board members to help

Kathie Kelly spoke about the next/final phase of the Capital Campaign. She suggests that the board meets earlier every other month prior to board meetings to discuss the capital campaign.

Carol Spoke about Phase I of construction and needing to start to use allocated funds from the Coastal Conservancy before the funds are taken away. The capital campaign committee set a goal of raising an additional \$100,000 from community donors in order to help fund Phase I.

There are many ways to get involved with the campaign, including attending capital campaign meetings, helping with mailings, and volunteering at upcoming events.

Upcoming Events/Happenings

- Ground Breaking- Wednesday, April 14, 10am
- Wine Pour at Plaza Design (part of Arts Arcata), Friday, April 9th
- Godwit Days- April 18th
- Alternative Building Center Birthday Celebration- June 5, 1-6
- June 11, Arts Arcata at the Garden Gate
- Blue Lake Mad River Brewery: Pints for nonprofits benefit- July 7
- July 9 Arts Arcata at the Garden Gate- July 9

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

John St. Marie motioned for approval of the March, 2010 minutes, 2nd from Rose Patenaude, all in favor. Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

None

V. HCNC PROJECT UPDATE

Overview of project status

Construction is set to begin in approximately two weeks.

Phase 1b alternate plans

Kash described a new Phase 1b concept. Phase 1b is an expanded version of Phase 1 which includes finishing the exterior of the cupola and the library room which would be used as office space until the completion of Phase 2. Phase 1b will cost (approximately) an additional \$200K but will save more down the line.

VI. APPROVE UPDATED DRAFT TRAILS PLAN TO FORWARD TO THE COUNTY FOR REVIEW

ACTION: Emily will number all existing, discontinued, and new trails in ArcView for the trails plan.

The board will submit a board approved draft to the county for review with hopes of approving the final plan at the May Board Meeting.

Bill Weaver motioned to submit the final trails plan draft as amended to Tom Hofweber at the county, 2nd from Dave, all present (Tamara Gedik removed) were in favor. Motion passed.

VII. APPROVAL TO SIGN LETTER SUPPORTING TOMALES BAY

The board reviewed the Tomales Bay support letter. The board feels they need more information before they can sign the letter.

ACTION: Carol will look into further information about the issue.

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES

Approval of Paid Time Off policy update

Mike Seeber reviewed the proposed changes to employee paid time off policies.

Rose Patenaude motioned to approve the Paid Time Off policy as updated and retroactive to January 1, 2010, 2nd from Tamara Gedik, all in favor. Motion passed.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Reviewed the grant tracking excel sheet.

X. COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTION: Carol will draft a thank you letter to the county for help with tire disposal

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ground Breaking, April 14
- Godwit Days, April 16-18
- Humboldt Bay Symposium, April 22-24

XII. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- HCNC Update – review of finances and phase

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NEXT MEETING: May 4th, 7-9pm