

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2007, Manila Community Center, 7-9pm

Board Members: Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, Tamara Gedik, Dave Weinstein, Mike Wilson, Karen Meynell, Michelle Forsys, Pam Zeutenhorst, Ron Kuhnel, Nancy Ihara

Staff: Carol Vander Meer, Maggie Donovan-Kaloust

Committee Members: Lisa Hoover

Public: Denise Vanden Bos), Eric Nelson

May Agenda

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of March minutes
- III. Public input
- IV. Riley subdivision: possible public comment letter to county (20 min)
- V. Land Trust update (30 min)
- VI. Fundraising update (20 min)
- VII. Board Financials (15 min)
- VIII. Board Development: Board Retreat date (5 min)
- IX. Questions/comments/announcements re: other committee activities
- X. June Agenda Items

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Denise Vanden Bos (Capital Campaign Consultant and Eric Nelson, HBNWR

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill motioned for approval of March minutes, 2nd from Nancy, all present were in favor. Minutes from April were approved with correction to spelling of "Riley" and "Zeutenhorst" and addition of "Committee Members" section to top of board minutes.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

-Denise V. new consultant for campaigns with \$2,000 grant from HAF, will provide recommendations to help get FOD where it is going.

-Eric Nelson (Refuge Manager)-Amy is gone, Eric came to meeting as FWS rep.

IV. RILEY SUBDIVISION-LETTER TO COUNTY?

-Carol introduced sending a letter with comments/recommendations, someone needs to read letter at hearing on Thurs May 3 unless postponed.

Suggestion that there needs to be a policy/criteria for evaluating projects, not just go one project at a time. FOD offers services/advice, comments on projects offered for consideration, not to endorse or oppose.

-Discussion on whether or not to create committee: decision to develop criteria and create ad hoc groups for projects as needed and use criteria to make decisions, rather than a new committee.

-Review of contents of letter to be read: Bill wrote section on drainage, Mike said it looked good but needs addition of 1 sentence, letter not adversarial and no strong position taken (commenting vs. protesting).

Nancy-FOD is dune specialist, question about community involvement.

Lisa wanted to know how much wetland would be effected, Bill responded most wetland impacts from drainage. Discussion about wetland component and need to add section on wetland impacts.

Carol-hard to tell what impacts will be from walking around property-hard to tell what is being proposed since topography will be shifted.

Carol-statement about FOD helping with restoration retracted.

ACTION: Someone needs to read letter at hearing, and make 14 copies (no volunteers at meeting)

ACTION: Mike adding sentence re: drainage to letter, Lisa summarize wetland component. Edits to Bill ASAP.

V. LAND TRUST

-Miller contract signed and done-appraisal complete. Bachofer appraisal complete with and currently in Department of General Services Review.

-Wildlife Conservation Funding-on May agenda, positively received

-USFWS-Conservation grant recommended for approval, if we get it, Coastal Commission will lend \$75,000 until we get the funds

-At this point, have acquisition funds plus \$110,000, need more renovation/maintenance funds-summary in bd. Packet.

-Tenants in Stamps have moved, family wants someone there short term, \$300/month incl. utilities, family wants access in July to get anything remaining.

-Kash developing master plan-suggested putting together AIA doc., high standards, want to pursue green building funding from Kresge foundation, need financial audit and have architect for project to do this.

Lisa-Concerned about maintenance and operation, plan was to have 3 yrs of funds for this, but doesn't see this reflected in pie chart in bd. packet, wants to see maintenance/operation itemized.

Mike-Advised against rushing into AIA, wait until more funds are available, find funds for architect first

Bill-Need a few months to get other lands secured first.

Denise V.-suggests creation of building committee, said we may not know all funding sources yet.

Lisa-Land Trust conference for all N. Calif land trusts, passed out agenda

ACTION: Carol adjust pie chart to include operations/maintenance

ACTION: Mike and Carol meet with Cash re: AIA and other approaches to moving forward with building plans.

VI. FUNDRAISING

-Determined that it is OK to pursue funds from Green Diamond

-House party-approx. \$5,500, goal was \$5,000-next one is June 2 at John Stokes' house

-HAF grant of \$2,000 received for consultant (Denise V. is consultant).

-Friend Get a Friend-Sent out datasheet with FOD involved folks who are not yet members, asking bd. members to get new members, look down list for anyone you know-goal of 2 new members from each bd. member.

Sand Sculpture Fest-Big mailing soliciting businesses at various levels (\$100, \$500, \$1,000) went out, next meeting May 11 12:30 at Mosgo's in Arcata.

-Build a Bridge thing-Ink People-group of actors to build a bridge between FOD and community, want to volunteer and then produce a play-fundraiser and all proceeds would go to FOD.

X. BOARD FINANCIALS

Carol gave update-Pam sent out packet of financials

-Need couple hundred new members to be sustainable

-Pam asked what is bottom line needed to keep doors open-need to isolate core programs

-Discussion of audit for Kresge, will help FOD and could help with future funds-cost would be \$3,500 from Richard Hutchinson who has worked with Pam before; Hunter, Hunter and Hunt would be at least \$5,000. Funds for audit will come from Stamps project funds. Dave recommended Richard Hutchinson. Decision made to move forward with audit.

ACTION: Move forward with audit from Richard Hutchinson.

ACTION: Pamela explore higher interest accounts.

XI. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY SEPT. 9TH. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

XII. JUNE AGENDA ITEMS

- Budget-review core programs
- Building committee report from meeting with Kash
- Report on Stokes house party
- Build a Bridge-more info
- Committee reports

Next Meeting at Manila Community Center Tuesday, June 5

Adjourn 9pm