

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 23, 2012

1:00 pm

Ballet Nouveau Colorado

Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair Kathryn Spuhler, Vice Chair Joseph Arcese, Secretary Kathleen Stapleton, Treasurer Bob Grant, Khadija Haynes, Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, James Harrington, Dave Montez, Kathy Kucsan and Jim Martin

SCFD Board members absent: Shepard Nevel

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Peg Long, Program Manager Nancy McCamey, Program Manager Jessica Clare, Office Administrator Sheila Mieger, Program Assistant Erica Barclay

1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Kathryn Spuhler called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm, followed by introductions. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved.

Dawn Fey, Associate Artistic Director of Ballet Nouveau Colorado, welcomed everyone and proudly announced their school has passed the 400 student mark. It is the biggest it has ever been. She invited the Board and audience to stay after the meeting to watch a rehearsal. Julia Wilkinson Manley, School Director, also shared information about the organization's school outreach programs into Commerce City.

2. Approval of January 26, 2012 Board Minutes

Khadija Haynes motioned to approve the minutes. Peggy Lehmann seconded. The motion passed.

3. Introduction of Dan Hopkins

James Harrington introduced Dan Hopkins to the Board. Dan served on the SCFD Board as a governor's appointee from 2006 - 2009. Arapahoe County has appointed him to the SCFD Board. He will begin his service in March. Dan worked for CDOT and served on Governor Owens' staff.

4. Resolution 12-02: Pertaining to Adjustment of the Appropriation and Distribution of 2011 Funds Collected

Peg Long reported every February SCFD receives the final funds for the previous year. SCFD funds are up 4% over previous year. Because the amount is more than the Board projected, the Board needs to approve the distribution of the balance.

Bob Grant motioned to approve Resolution 12-02. Jim Martin seconded. The motion to adopt the resolution passed.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer

Bob Grant reported the December 2011 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$3,959,207.38. This compares to December 2010 revenue of \$4,224,030.41, a 6.26% decrease over month-to-date (MTD) December 2010. The 2011 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue for all of 2011 was \$41,901,792.53. This compares to total YTD 2010 revenue of \$40,291,076.21, a 4.0% increase over YTD 2010.

Joseph Arcese noted that the projected fund balance variance was quite high, albeit in SCFD's favor, and asked Peg and Bob if this was due to the election costs recovery. Peg responded that it was not a direct result of the elections costs recovery. She requested postponement of a response due to the complexity of an answer beyond that given at the January board meeting.

5.2 Chairman

Kathryn Spuhler reported that on February 14 she and Peg Long attended a meeting of CAST3 (Council to Advance & Support Tier III), a newly formed 501(c)(3). The Board was given the handouts provided at the meeting. CAST3 would like to be the Tier III representative entity for the reauthorization process. Peg gave the group background history on the SCFD, including past reauthorizations and answered questions. Kathryn said it was nice to see the Tier III organizations coming together.

5.3 Executive Director

Peg Long reported on the following:

- As required by C.R.S. §32-13-107(3)(b)(I)(C), the Tier II qualifying threshold is adjusted each year by the annual percentage change in the Denver-Boulder-Greeley Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers, all goods, as published by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. According to information released by the BLS on February 17, 2012, for 2011, the CPI was 3.6%. The 2012 qualifying threshold for all organizations to qualify for Tier II is: $\$1,392,789.98 \times 1.036 = \$1,442,930.42$. Dave Montez asked if Peg anticipated movement in the Tier. Peg replied it is hard to tell at this time but most likely yes, as this represents a significant increase to the Tier II threshold.
- City of Aurora sent in a formal request asking the SCFD Board to approve a change of use of SCFD formula funds. Peg invited Alice Lee Main of Aurora Cultural Services to speak. Alice reported the cultural department is not cutting the programming originally proposed in the July Certification Report. They have covered the costs with other funds and therefore wish to move SCFD funds to programming at the Aurora Fox. After discussion Kathryn and the Board thanked Alice Lee for her transparency and stated the movement of funds met the general operating support requirements and could be moved internally.
- The Dairy Center for the Arts asked the Board to approve a logo they created for an upcoming exhibit. The Board asked that "Making it Possible" be added and approved the use.

6. Honoring James Harrington

Kathryn Spuhler read a letter from the Douglas county Cultural Council thanking James for his service. She then invited people from the audience to speak.

George Sparks, President and CEO of Denver Museum of Nature and Science, spoke to the importance the SCFD chair is to the organizations. Craig Piper, President and CEO of Denver Zoo thanked James for his leadership. Brian Vogt, CEO of Denver Botanic Gardens thanked him for his connection and communication with the SCFD community. Kristy Bassuener, Senior Communications Manager, Denver Art Museum thanked him for not being afraid of wearing the King Tut hat on television. Dan Ritchie, Chairman of the DCPA, echoed what the others said. Each presented James with a gift of appreciation. Charlotte D'Armond Talbert, SCC Coordinator, read a letter from the SCC organizations thanking James for his service. In appreciation, they will sponsor an event at a school of his choice and will cover the costs.

Peg Long and Kathryn presented him a framed picture of a Denver Zoo polar bear from the Board and staff.

James made a few remarks stating that it has been a distinct pleasure to serve on the SCFD Board. The highlight has been to interface with truly wonderful people.

7. Other Matters

There were no other matters brought before the Board.

8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm.


Secretary