

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 23, 2015

12:00 pm

Hudson Gardens

Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair Dan Hopkins, Vice-Chair Kathy Kucsan, Treasurer Hal Logan, Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, Elaine D. Torres, Shepard Nevel, Kathryn Spuhler, Rob Johnson, Kathy Imel and Damon O. Barry

SCFD Board members not present: Secretary Lynn Jeffers

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Peg Long, Senior Program Manager Nancy McCamey, Program Manager Jessica Kato, Program Assistant Katherine Wilson and Office Systems Administrator Sheila Mieger

1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Dan Hopkins called the meeting to order at 12:05pm followed by introductions. A quorum was present. Dan motioned to amend the agenda to include Resolution 15-10: Pertaining to 2015 Tier III Budgeted Distribution for Adams County. The agenda was approved.

Melanie Fedderson, Development Manager for Hudson Gardens, welcomed the Board. She encouraged people to walk around the 30 acres of gardens following the meeting. The 2015 summer concert series has been released.

2. Approval of March 26, 2015 Board Minutes

Dan Hopkins motioned to approve the minutes. Rob Johnson seconded. Motion to accept the minutes passed.

3. Resolution 15-09: Pertaining to Ellen Premack

The Board read a resolution expressing appreciation to Ellen Premack on her retirement and acknowledged her influence on the SCFD community for her advancement of the arts and sciences within the District and beyond. Peggy Lehmann motioned to approve Resolution 15-09: Pertaining to Ellen Premack. Kathy Kucsan seconded. Motion to accept the resolution passed.

Ellen thanked the Board for the recognition.

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer

Hal Logan reported the February 2015 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$3,881,149.93. The 2015 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$8,010,449.85. This compares to YTD 2014 revenue of \$7,339,953.93. The variance is \$670,495.92, a 9.13% increase in YTD 2015 over YTD 2014.

4.2 Chairman

Dan Hopkins asked Kathryn Spuhler to give an update on the Teen Council and STEPS committee.

Kathryn Spuhler reported the Teen Council met at the Denver Art Museum on April 19, 2015. They have written a mission statement: To explore, enjoy and reflect on the cultural and scientific opportunities with the goal of engaging a broad range of youth people to tell the SCFD story and encourage others to join in the discoveries. The next meeting will be May 17, 2015 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

The STEPS committee sent out an invitation to all SCFD organizations to participate in Educators' Night on Monday, September 21, 2015 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Currently 37 organizations are planning to participate.

4.3 Executive Director

Peg Long gave a Google analytics report on traffic to the SCFD website from January 1, 2015 - April 15, 2015:

- 31,851 users
- Male - 54.15% Female - 45.85%
- Top five cities - Denver, Aurora, Boulder, Lakewood, Centennial
- Age - 18-24 - 27.50%; 25-34 - 33.50%; 35-44 - 15.50%; 45-54 - 12.50%; 55-64 - 5.50%

- Top Pages - Free Days Calendar - 41,759 page visits; Home Page - 17,078; Job Board - 9,802

Peg gave a brief report highlighting Tier III 2015 grant application statistics by county, including total grant funds requested versus funds available for distribution.

5. Resolution 15-10: Pertaining to Adjusted 2015 Tier III Budgeted Distribution for Adams County

Peg Long explained the distribution amount for Adams County presented in the resolution last month was incorrect, as previously allocated 2014 funds were inadvertently included in the total. The adjusted total funds available to the Adams County Cultural Council for 2015 are \$1,137,736.61. Shepard Nevel motioned to approve 15-10: Pertaining to Adjusted 2015 Tier III Budgeted Distribution for Adams County. Hal Logan seconded. Motion to accept the resolution passed.

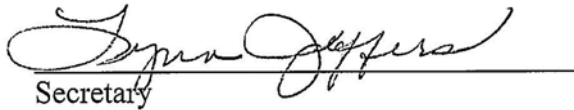
6. Public Comment

Mike Yankovich, President and CEO of the Children's Museum, announced that the museum received a 1.9 million dollar grant from the Colorado Health Foundation. The grant is to be used for completing an outdoor experience, teaching kitchen and indoor climbing structure.

Jane Potts, CAST3, mentioned that although the grant requests made by Tier IIIs are close to the amount of funds available it should not imply the organizations are being adequately funded. There are caps in some counties that prohibit organizations from asking for what they might otherwise request.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.



Secretary