

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 22 2015

1:00 pm

Butterfly Pavilion

Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair Dan Hopkins, Vice-Chair Kathy Kucsan, Treasurer Hal Logan, Secretary Lynn Jeffers, Elaine D. Torres, Rob Johnson, Kathy Imel, Councilwoman Kendra Black, Peggy Lehmann, Damon O. Barry via conference call and Kathryn Spuhler via Skype

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Peg Long, Senior Program Manager Nancy M. Sarka, Program Manager Jessica Kato, Program Associate Iris Gregg, Program Assistant Clara Nulty and Office Systems Administrator Sheila Mieger

2015 SCFD Reauthorization Task Force members present: Kristy Bassuener, Susan Beyda, Susan Connelly, Karen Douglass, Jim Harrington, Andrea Malcomb, Dave Montez, Shepard Nevel, Michelle Nierling, Lisa Rigsby Peterson, Deven Shaff, Rhetta Shead, George Sparks, Elaine D. Torres, Steve Wilson

Task Force Members absent: Tony Garcia, Dan Ritchie, Gary Steuer

1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Dan Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm followed by introductions. A quorum was present and the agenda was approved.

Patrick Tennyson President and CEO of the Butterfly Pavilion welcomed everyone. The mission of the Butterfly Pavilion is to foster an appreciation of invertebrates while educating the public about the importance of conservation of threatened habitats in the tropics and around the world.

2. Approval of September 24, 2015 Board Minutes

Kendra Black motioned to approve the minutes. Kathy Imel seconded. Motion passed.

3. 2015 Year to Date Budget Report

Peg Long reported revenue is higher than budgeted. She did not recommend the Board consider any changes to the 2015 budget at this time.

4. Proposed 2016 Budget

Dan Hopkins opened the meeting for public comment regarding the 2016 Budget. No one commented. Dan asked Peg Long if she received any public comments prior to the meeting. Peg reported she did not.

Resolution 15-25 Pertaining to Expenditures and Revenue for the General and Expendable Trust Funds and Adopting the 2016 Budget

Hal Logan read the resolution. Kathy Kucsan motioned to approve Resolution 15-25 Pertaining to Expenditures and Revenue for the General and Expendable Trust Funds and Adopting the 2016 Budget. Rob Johnson seconded. The motion passed.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer

Hal Logan reported the August 2015 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$4,736,083.80. The 2015 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$35,741,046.66. This compares to YTD 2014 revenue of \$33,569,310.28. The variance is \$2,171,736.38 a 6.47% increase in YTD 2015 over YTD 2014.

5.2 Chairman

Dan Hopkins reminded Board members of the acceptance of Resolution 15-19 Pertaining to Distribution of Statutory Discretionary Funds Pursuant to C.R.S. §32-13-107(3) that the Board approved. The adoption of this resolution requires that, commencing in 2016 and continuing for a period of at least five years thereafter, and until

such time as the SCFD Board of Directors exercises its authority to do otherwise, the Board shall distribute, as general operating support, one hundred percent of the tax revenue received to scientific and cultural facilities that meet the qualification requirements. Instead of specifically requiring funds be used for discretionary uses the Board wanted to identify a specific area it would like to highlight. Prior to the November meeting of the Board, Peg Long will distribute ideas of possible questions to ask the Tier I and Tier II organizations on the certification reports. Dan encouraged Board members and organizations to send ideas to Peg.

Dan thanked everyone who served on the Public Awareness Committee over the past four years. He said they accomplished more than the Board originally charged them with. Highlights of the work accomplished are the creation and promotion of the Public Awareness Tool Kit and upgrades to the website allowing people to search eligible organizations. The committee will be suspended until after the election.

5.3 Executive Director

Peg Long reported Clara Nulty joined the SCFD staff October 1, 2015 as a part-time Program Assistant. The 2016 Tier III final grant report form has been completed and is available to organizations. Reminders to file final grant reports and dates for 2016 grant workshops were included with the Tier III checks distributed this month. Staff continues to process applications for eligibility. Locations for the 2016 Board of Directors meetings have been identified. Board members received a schedule in their packet.

5.4 Nominating Committee

Rob Johnson, chair of the committee, reported that the nominating committee, which also included Kathryn Spuhler and Peggy Lehmann, is recommending that the current slate of officers continue in their same roles in 2016. Dan Hopkins - Chair; Kathy Kucsan - Vice Chair; Hal Logan - Treasurer and Lynn Jeffers - Secretary. The Board will vote on 2016 officers at the November 19th meeting. Dan Hopkins encouraged any Board members that wish to serve to let Peg Long know.

6. Other Matters

6.1 Summary of Task Force Process

Lisa Rigsby Peterson, Executive Director of Lone Tree Arts Center and a member of the Task Force presented who served on the Task Force and summary of how the process worked.

Steve Wilson, Executive Artistic Director of Mizel Arts and Cultural Center and a member of the Task Force presented the changes to the tax levies the Tax Force presented to the Board in April and that the Board adopted in May: Modify the tax levy percentage allocations among tiers to 64/22/14 up to \$38 million and 57/26/17 above \$38 million.

6.2 Presentations by Proponents of Alternate Tax Levy Proposals

Radich Proposal - Antony Radich could not attend the Board meeting and requested that his proposal not be presented by anyone else. Dan Hopkins asked if any Board members had questions regarding the Radich proposal for dividing the funds between the tiers evenly, 33/33/33. No one did. Mr. Hopkins asked that if any board member had questions to let Peg know and she would relay them to Mr. Radich.

Colorado Symphony Orchestra Proposal - Jerry Kern, Chief Executive Officer, and Coreen Miller, Chief Financial Officer of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra presented. They spoke on the dilution of Tier II. They recommended each time a Tier III organization enters Tier II during the period of time covered by the upcoming reauthorization, 75.4% of the funds allocated to the new Tier II organization would come collectively from Tier I, and 24.6% of the funds allocated to the new Tier II organization would come collectively from Tier II.

Friends of Arts and Cultural Equity (FACE) - Susan Honstein, Former Chair of the Louisville Cultural Council, and President of FACE and Erin Rollman, Company Member of Buntport Theatre and Vice President of

FACE delivered the presentation. They recommended that the tax levies gradually be changed to 50/30/20 by 2030.

Following each of the proposals Board members and SCFD Reauthorization Task Force members asked questions and dialogued with the presenters.

6.3 Presentation by Citizens for Arts to Zoo (CATZ)

James Harrington, member of the Task Force and Chair of CATZ, presented how much money each Tier is estimated to receive if the Board does not change the adopted Task Force proposal. He also shared several slides that compared the two tax levy allocation proposals with the board-adopted formula. He recommended that the Board not adopt any of the proposed alternate levy changes.

Cathey McClain Finlon, member of CATZ, presented the support CATZ has for the current statutory changes.

6.4. Public Comment

Dan Hopkins opened the floor to public comment. He asked people to keep their comments to three minutes. The following people spoke:

Deb Gardner - Boulder County Commissioner

Patrick Tennyson - Butterfly Pavilion

Mark Addison - Former SCFD Board member from Boulder County

Debbie Ellerman - Boulder County Cultural Council

Jena Dickey - Young Voices of Colorado

Jane Potts - CAST3 and FACE

Jennifer Strand - Louisville Cultural Council

Hannah Duggan - Buntport Theatre

Donna Smith - Denver Ballet Theatre

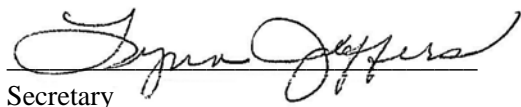
Mark Davidson - Colorado Business Committee for the Arts

6.5 Reauthorization Task Force and Board Discussion

Dan Hopkins asked the Task Force if they heard anything in the proposals that would make them consider changing their proposal to the Board. They said they had not and didn't wish to change their proposal. Kendra Black asked the Tier IIs on the Task force to weigh in on the Symphony proposal. Both Steve Wilson and Lisa Rigsby Peterson confirmed the Task Force recommendations. Peggy Lehmann thanked the Symphony and FACE for the discussion and their concerns. She also thanked them for their time and effort. Elaine D. Torres stated she wished there was a magic spot that would make every Tier happy. Unfortunately there is not. The Task Force-recommended changes do demonstrate considerable progress and compromise. Dan Hopkins said the Board would be addressing the Tier II formula in the near future. He asked that the Symphony be part of the discussion when it takes place. Dan asked the Board how they wished to proceed. Elaine D. Torres motioned to affirm the decision the Board made in May and support the Task Force allocation recommendations presented in April. Hal Logan seconded. The motion passed.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.



Secretary