

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
September 24, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair Jack Finlaw, Vice-Chair Councilwoman Kendra Black, Secretary Kathy Nesbitt, Treasurer Ann Speer, Suzanne Crawford, Ray Gonzales, Gino Greco, Deborah Malden, Carlos Martinez, and Jake Zambrano

SCFD Board members not present: Marcela de la Mar

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Deborah Jordy, Deputy Director Jessica Kato, Program Manager Dana Manyothane, Program Manager Heather Porter, Program Manager Kendal Zimmermann, and Office Manager Joyce Chitechi

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination

Chairman Jack Finlaw called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. followed by introductions. A quorum was present.

2. Review & Approval of Agenda

Carlos Martinez motioned to approve the agenda. Gino Greco seconded. Motion to accept the agenda passed.

3. Approval of August 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Deborah Malden motioned to approve the August 27, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Jake Zambrano seconded. Motion to accept the minutes passed.

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer

Ann Speer reported the July 2020 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$5,607,812.90. The 2020 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$35,382,304.49. This compares to YTD 2019 sales and use tax revenue of \$36,935,779.02. The variance is (\$1,553,474.53), a 4.21% decrease in YTD 2020 over YTD 2019. Chairman Jack Finlaw informed the board and the public that the SCFD FY 2021 budget will be presented at the SCFD October meeting. Ann Speer announced that five of the Teen Council members have graduated and five new members have joined, making a full council at 17 members.

4.2 Chairman

Jack Finlaw reminded the board and public that the 2021 SCFD Budget being presented at the October Board meeting, will be available for public comment for one month and then approved at the November meeting. He also reminded the board that the extreme decrease in interest revenue will be factored into the 2021 operating budget.

A nominating committee will be put together to present a slate of officers for the upcoming year. If board members are interested in serving on the committee, please let Jack know. He also asked if any board member would like to nominate or self-nominate themselves for an officer position, to please do so. The slate of officers will be presented by the nominating committee at the October meeting, with an official vote to take place at the November meeting.

Finally, Jack introduced a draft letter to be sent from the SCFD board to the county commissioners relating to the District's strong recommendation that cultural councils reflect the diverse demographics of the communities they are serving. The board discussed the meanings of diversity and inclusion. The board agreed that the letter needed language that was intentional and specific to each county. Ray Gonzales motioned that the individual county letters should be approved and sent to the commissioners by the Chair and the board member representing that county. Deborah Malden seconded. Motion to send the letters passed.

4.3 Executive Director

Deborah Jordy reported that staff is wrapping up the Tier III process and thanked the Program Managers for their amazing hard work. She also mentioned that SCFD will continue to support funded organizations as much as possible given our statutory purpose and structure.

She asked Program Manager Heather Porter to give an update on Fluxx, SCFD's new grant management system. Heather informed the board that staff began this process in 2019, thinking of ways to increase efficiencies and optimize processes for grantees, cultural councils, and SCFD staff. Staff researched roughly 80 grant systems, narrowed that list to six, had live demonstrations from four, and decided on Fluxx. We plan to launch the portal, along with multiple training tutorials this winter. Fluxx is a leader in the field, being used by National funders such as the Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and was just chosen to power the Colorado COVID relief fund through the Colorado Health Foundation. Heather also mentioned that Fluxx offers grantees a free grant management tool to track their own grant cycle and calendars called Fluxx Grantseeker. Heather went on to inform the board that the 2019 annual report is reaching completion and will be presented at the October board meeting.

5. Tier III Distribution

5.1 Tier III Statistics, County Resolutions, and Funding Plans

Program Manager Dana Manyothane presented statistics on the district-wide 2020 Tier III Grant Application process.

- 259 organization submitted applications that were accepted, compared to 260 in 2019
- 4 applications were not accepted due to being late or incomplete
- 619 total grant requests (GOS & Projects)
- Three organizations transitioned from Tier III to Tier II funding

- 58% of applicants applied in a single county. 42% applied in multiple counties

County Cultural Council presentations

County Cultural Council members presented highlights from their county and guidelines for approximately five minutes followed by Board questions.

- Adams County Cultural Council Clarence Colburn
- Arapahoe County Cultural Council Marilyn Cross
- Boulder County Cultural Council Aleta Sherman
- Broomfield County Cultural Council Melodee Rodriguez
- Denver County Cultural Council Will Chan
- Douglas County Cultural Council Larry Perkins
- Jefferson County Cultural Council Leslie Klane

The Board thanked the councils for their services to the community and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

5.2 Resolution 20-12: Pertaining to Distribution of 2020 Tier III Funds

Chairman Jack Finlaw read Resolution 20-12: Pertaining to Distribution of 2020 Tier III Funds. Treasurer Ann Speer motioned to approve the resolution. Suzanne Crawford seconded. Motion to approve the resolution passed.

6. Other Matters (new/old business)

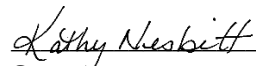
None

7. Public Comment

James Holmes, Executive Director of Cherokee Ranch and Castle thanked the SCFD board, staff, and county cultural council members and Liaisons for their hard work and communications during these difficult times.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.


Secretary