

**SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
May 26, 2022
Denver Botanic Gardens
Meeting Minutes**

SCFD Board members present: Chair Gino Greco, Secretary Marcela de la Mar, Treasurer Kathy Nesbitt, Suzanne Crawford, Jack Finlaw, Deborah Malden, Councilwoman Jamie Torres and Dan Brown

SCFD Board members absent: Vice-Chair Raymond Gonzales, Jake Zambrano, Jacki Cooper Melmed

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Deborah Jordy, Deputy Director Jessica Kato, Program Officer Dana Manyothane, Program Officer Kendal Zimmermann, Program Officer Tim Murphy, Administrative Assistant Arlene Hicks

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination

Chair Gino Greco called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. followed by introductions and a welcome from Denver Botanic Gardens CEO, Brian Vogt. A quorum was present.

2. Review & Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of April 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Greco placed the Agenda and April 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes into consent agenda. Treasurer Kathy Nesbitt motioned to accept the consent agenda by unanimous consent. Councilwoman Jamie Torres seconded. Motion to accept the consent agenda passed.

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer

Kathy Nesbitt reported the March 2022 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$7,075,405.73. The 2022 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$18,762,988.89. This compares to YTD 2021 sales and use tax revenue of \$16,144,585.72. The variance is \$2,618,403.17, a 16.22% increase in YTD 2022 over YTD 2021.

4.2 Chairman

Chair Greco indicated that the SCFD staff compensation plan is underway and is expected to be presented to the Board at the July meeting during Executive Session.

He then requested feedback from the Board about their preference for future meetings being held virtually or in person. Treasurer Kathy Nesbitt indicated a preference for meeting in person. This allows for personal connections in addition to addressing Board business. Deborah Malden agreed with Treasurer Nesbitt and also indicated that holding meetings at different funded organizations throughout the District shines a light on the great work being done in our community. Chair Greco mentioned that due to varying technological capabilities among SCFD funded organizations, future in person meetings may not be able to have a hybrid/virtual component. As such, he committed to attend in person meetings and asked the same of each Board member.

4.3 Executive Director

Deborah Jordy began by welcoming Dan Brown, Councilwoman Jamie Torres and Suzanne Crawford to their first in person Board meeting.

She also reiterated Chair Greco's statement that the staff compensation plan and salary schedule is in progress and that SCFD's membership with the Special District Association of Colorado provided ten free hours of Human Resources (HR) services that have been extremely helpful. An employee engagement survey was also distributed to the staff to solicit feedback and ideas. Results will be compiled and presented at a future meeting.

Director Jordy listed a number of initiatives underway to build awareness and communicate the value of SCFD. She has begun a Speakers Bureau with ten presentations to local, national and international groups to date. A communications plan will also be rolled out to funded organizations so their social media channels can convey the value of SCFD's investment in the community. Deborah also met with legislators during the session and will have upcoming meetings with City Councils and Commissioners. A meeting with Governor Polis has been requested. She asked for Board and audience assistance to identify additional Speakers Bureau opportunities.

Deborah recognized the staff for their hard work and acknowledged Program Officer Dana Manyothane for being chosen as Co-Chair of the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Access committee.

Director Jordy concluded her report by inviting everyone to the SCFD Block Party and Awards on Wednesday, June 22nd in the SCFD parking lot. Awards will be presented to Jim Harrington for Lifetime Achievement, The Denver Foundation and Bonfils-Stanton Foundation for Innovative

Partnership and Regional Cooperation, and Darrell Anderson for Civic Engagement and Volunteerism.

5. Tier I 2022 Distribution Certification

5.1 Panel presentation by Tier I CEOs (6 min. per organization)

The leadership from each of the five organizations gave a six-minute presentation on their specific organization:

Denver Center for Performing Arts: Janice Sinden, CEO

Denver Zoo: Bert Vescolani, President and CEO

Denver Museum of Nature & Science: George Sparks, President, and CEO

Denver Art Museum: Christoph Heinrich, Frederick, and Jan Mayer Director

Denver Botanic Gardens: Brian Vogt, CEO

Board members asked a variety of questions including strategies to grow attendance, increase public accessibility and recruit and retain staff. The Board thanked the presenters and the organizations for their extraordinary leadership, creative programming and commitment to the entire Denver Metro region.

5.2 Resolution 22-04: Pertaining to 2022 Tier I Budgeted Funds Distribution

Deborah Malden motioned to approve Resolution 22-04: Pertaining to 2022 Tier I Budgeted Funds Distribution. Marcela de la Mar seconded. Motion to approve the resolution passed.

6. Other Matters (new/old business)

Treasurer Kathy Nesbitt announced that the Five Points Jazz Festival is taking place on Saturday, June 4th.

7. Public comment

None

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.



Secretary