

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 25, 2010

1:00 pm

The Wildlife Experience Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair James Harrington, Vice Chair Jim Martin, Secretary Councilwoman Marcia Johnson, Treasurer Joseph Arcese, Kathy Kucsan, Khadija Haynes, Kathleen Stapleton, Bob Grant, and Shepard Nevel

SCFD Board members absent: Dave Montez

SCFD staff present: Peg Long, Executive Director, Program Manager Nancy McCamey, Program Manager Donna Smith, Office Administrator Sheila Mieger, Program Assistant Cassiope Sydoriak

1. Introductions

James Harrington called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm, followed by introductions. A quorum was present.

Gino Greco, President and CEO of The Wildlife Experience, thanked everyone for coming and invited them to enjoy the exhibits. Gino also made an announcement that The Wildlife Experience had made a pledge to donate \$1,070.00 to the Rex Morgan Tribute.

2. Oath of Office

James Harrington swore Kathy Kucsan in as the Boulder County representative to the SCFD Board.

3. Approval of January 28, 2010 Board Minutes

Kathleen Stapleton motioned to approve minutes. Bob Grant seconded. The motion to accept the minutes passed.

4. Final 2009 Distribution Amounts

The SCFD collected slightly more in 2009 sales tax revenue than projected in April. Peg Long read the resolution allocating the additional funds. Joseph Arcese, Treasurer, agreed with the numbers. Khadija Haynes moved to approve Resolution 10-02, Jim Martin seconded. The motion passed. Bob Grant asked how the Tier III organizations will get their share of the money. Peg Long reported the Tier III funds will roll over to 2010 for distribution in October.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer

Joseph Arcese reported the December 2009 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$3,945,100.38 as compared to December 2008 revenue of \$3,830,178.77. The 2009 month-to-date (MTD) variance is \$114,921.61, which is a 3.0% increase over December 2008. The 2009 year-to-date (YTD) total sales and use tax revenue is \$37,388,300.54 compared to YTD 2008 \$41,975,470.95. The variance is (\$4,587,170.41), which is a 10.93% decrease in YTD 2009 over YTD 2008. This is more favorable than the budgeted \$37,312,000 (a 12.0% decrease over 2008) adopted by the SCFD board in April 2009, and is 1.07% better than projected. This is the second consecutive month of reported MTD increase since August 2008.

Joseph reported the SCFD pays an average of \$4,700 in bank fees every year. He, Heidi Messer and Peg Long were approached by Colorado Business Bank and met to discuss ways the fees could be lowered. Joseph asked the Board to approve Staff development of a Request For Proposals to assist the board in reviewing SCFD's banking services. The last time this was done was 2005. Shepard Nevel moved to approve issuance of the RFP. Kathleen Stapleton seconded. The motion passed.

5.2 Chairman

James Harrington reminded the Board of the April 7 Board Planning Session taking place at the Denver Zoo. He asked Board members to send Peg Long what they believe are the major issues facing SCFD. He also announced the SCFD will be awarded a Tourism Star Award from Visit Denver on March 4.

5.3 Executive Director

- Introduced Cassiope Sydoriak, new program assistant. In December 2009 she graduated from CU Boulder, art history major, strong math & science; Boettcher and Norlin scholar. She has experience with Tier I (DAM), II (Chautauqua) and III (Dairy Center) organizations. Cassiope has experience reviewing and summarizing Boettcher Foundation grant funding requests and reports.
- Peg gave each Board member a memo outlining the 2009 CPI and the adjusted 2010 Tier II Threshold. This is the first year since the SCFD was established that the CPI went down. She asked for Board Approval to publish the qualifying amount of \$1,365,480.37, which is .7% lower than the 2009 threshold due to a negative CPI. Shepard Nevel moved to publish the qualifying amount assuming the language is supported by the statute. Stevan Strain seconded. The motion passed.
- 2010 Tier III Grant Workshop numbers: 1 Saturday, 1 Sunday & 1 evening: 430 total participants. Financial workshop for county cultural council members: 45 participants
- 2010 Tier I & II Review Session numbers: Tier II: 35 people representing 21 organizations & their auditors; Tier I: 12 people representing all 5 Tier Is
- Peg and Shepard sat in on an arts education presentation to the joint House and Senate education committees of the Colorado legislature. Shepard said the evidence-based piece Peg provided to committee members had a good message. Peg was asked to send board members the link to a Colorado Council on the Arts video featuring a grant-funded arts education program at an elementary school.

6. Thank You and Goodbye to Stevan Strain

James Harrington thanked Stevan Strain for his six years of service to the SCFD Board. He shared a brief history of what Stevan had done for the arts community and specifically Douglas County. Douglas County Commissioner Jack Hillbert spoke to Stevan's credit and presented him with a piece of art created by a local school child. Floyd Ciruli, Steve Wilson, Gino Greco and Donna Wilson all spoke on Stevan's behalf. Commissioner Hillbert introduced Kathy Spuhler who will be replacing Stevan on the SCFD Board. Stevan Strain thanked everyone for the great honor to be able to serve on the SCFD Board. He said science and culture is a leg on the economic stool. You need it for the economy to be able to stand.

7. Adjournment

Motioned to adjourn the meeting was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.


Secretary