

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 26, 2009

1:00 pm

Downtown Aurora Visual Arts

Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair James Harrington, Vice Chair Stevan Strain, Treasurer Dan Hopkins, Secretary Marcia Johnson, Kathleen Stapleton, Mark Addison, Jim Martin, Joseph Arcese, Jake Zambrano and Holly Osgood

SCFD Board members absent: Nancy Lee

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

1. Introductions

James Harrington called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, followed by introductions.

2. Welcome by Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA)

Susan Jensen, Executive Director, welcomed the Board and shared information about the projects DAVA offers to 900 children ages pre-school – high school each year. 65% of the students are from Arapahoe County and about 35% from Adams County.

3. Approval of January 26, 2009 Board Minutes

Holly Osgood motioned to approve minutes. Kathleen Stapleton seconded. The motion passed.

4. Final 2008 Distribution Amounts

Peg Long reported sale tax collection for FY 2008 is 1% less than 2007 collections. Joseph Arcese recommended a section be added to the resolution to reflect the operating account reduction in addition to the distribution reduction. Holly Osgood motioned to approve Resolution 09-02, with the change, and Mark Addison seconded. The motion passed.

James Harrington commented that the Board's decision to budget zero growth for 2008 was the right decision. Jake Zambrano asked if the dip in 2008 revenue would affect operations. Peg reported it wouldn't.

5. Adoption of SCFD Document Inspection, Retention and Destruction Policy and Schedule

Peg Long reported legal counsel had reviewed and approved the policy. Kathleen Stapleton asked when the last time such a policy was brought before the Board. Peg said 2005. Dan Hopkins asked if the policy included email retention. It does, but Peg will follow up with counsel on specifics regarding email. Jim Martin asked if the Board needed to appoint a custodian per question 1A. The Board assigned Peg Long "staff" as the custodian. Stevan Strain motioned to approve Resolution 09-03, and Kathleen Stapleton seconded. The motion passed.

6. Reports

6.1 Treasurer

Dan Hopkins reported sales tax collection for December 2008 was down 9% below December 2007. Colorado Trust interest rates are at .59% for Plus. Dan explained he, James Harrington and Peg Long are exploring the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Services (CDARS) option to improve investment income. Peg has opened various CDs which are getting better interest rates than Colotrust. All CDs will mature by the end of the year.

Dan shared the last issue of The Rocky Mountain News will be printed Friday, February 27.

6.2 Chairman

James Harrington thanked George Sparks for hosting a Tier I social on January 28. The SCFD Board had an opportunity to meet Tier I Board members. He would like an opportunity for a similar event for Tier II and County Commissioners.

On January 12 Holly Osgood, Peg Long and James Harrington met with Adams County Commissioners.

On February 11 he attended an Arts to Zoo meeting in which the CPI was reported at 3.9%.

James asked Holly to report on Rex Morgan. She reported the budget for the Rex Morgan Tribute budget is \$30-\$35,000. The Tier Is feel the budget should be larger and suggested ways to earn the funds. There will be a Rex Morgan committee meeting February 27 to discuss the Tier I ideas.

6.3 Executive Director

Peg Long reported on the Tier III workshops. On December 3, 42 people attended a Final Grant Report Workshop. The District-wide Grant Workshops hosted 140 people on January 10, 63 on January 21 and 158 on February 8. The first Tier III grant applications are due Monday for Jefferson County. Holly Osgood said she had received many positive calls regarding the workshops.

Peg gave the Board members a memo outlining the Tier II qualifying threshold. For 2008, the CPI was 3.9%. Therefore, the 2009 qualifying threshold for organizations qualified for Tier II prior to July 1, 2006 is: $\$999,339.35 \times 1.039 = \$1,038,313.58$ The 2009 qualifying threshold for organizations qualifying for the first time on or after July 1, 2006 is: $\$1,323,490 \times 1.039 = \$1,375,106.11$. Marcia Johnson asked if any current Tier II organizations would not qualify for Tier II this year. Peg reported one group is planning on applying for Tier III. A couple other groups might do the same. Joseph Arcese asked when the first funds are distributed. Tier I will receive funds in June. Tier II will receive funds in September.

The Lab at Belmar is merging with the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver. The Lab will close in April. The May Board meeting was scheduled to take place at The Lab. Adam Lerner, Executive Director of The Lab, has been named the new Executive Director of MCA Denver. The Denver Art Museum offered to host the May meeting. Holly Osgood thanked the Denver Art Museum for donating catalogs to the PSL.

Mayor Hickenlooper invited various sector of the economy, including the cultural sector, to meet to discuss economic stimulus activities and working together. Erin Trapp and George Sparks are co-chairing these meetings. Marcia Johnson asked in the hospitality industry was involved. Peg replied that it is part of the Mayor's economic council.


7. Public Comment

James Harrington acknowledged that this is Holly Osgood's last SCFD board meeting. He opened the meeting up to comments. Lissy Garrison of Ballet Nouveau Colorado thanked Holly for her continued support of Ballet Nouveau Colorado as an Adams County Council Member as well as a SCFD Board member. Susan Jensen thanked Holly for having a place in her heart for children. Her support of inner city youth has strengthened DAVA. James read words from Board members describing Holly. He thanked her on behalf of the Board and staff for her service and presented her with a basket of donated items from SCFD organizations.

James announced that Bob Grant, former District Attorney for Adams County, has been named to replace Holly as the Adams County appointee to the SCFD Board. He will join the board in March.

8. Adjournment

Kathleen Stapleton motioned to adjourn the meeting and Stevan Strain seconded. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


Secretary