

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 27, 2014
1:00 pm
Aurora Cultural Services - Aurora Fox Theatre
Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair Dan Hopkins, Treasurer Hal Logan, Secretary Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, Elaine D. Torres, Damon O. Barry, Bob Grant, Rob Johnson, Shepard Nevel and Kathryn Spuhler

SCFD Board members not present: Vice-Chair Kathy Kucsan and Joseph Arcese

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Peg Long, Senior Program Manager Nancy McCamey, Program Manager Jessica Clare, Program Associate Erica Barclay Antioco and Office Systems Administrator Sheila Mieger

1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda

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

Alice Lee Main, Director of the City of Aurora Cultural Services Division, welcomed the Board to the Aurora Fox Theatre. It is one of three venues her division operates. She introduced Charlie Packer, Executive Producer of the Fox. Charlie shared that the theatre is an official landmark in Aurora. It has been operating as an art center for the past 30 years. Many SCFD funded organizations produce programming at the venue.

2. Approval of January 23, 2014 Board Minutes

Damon O. Barry motioned to approve the minutes. Bob Grant seconded. Motion to accept the minutes passed.

3. Resolution 14-02: Pertaining to Adjustment of the Appropriation and Distribution of 2013 Revenue Collected

This resolution reflects the required adjustments from the board's projected fiscal year 2013 revenue, adopted in October 2012, and the actual fiscal year 2013 revenue received. The adjustments to each tier distribution reflect the additional revenue less a proportional reduction for recovery of election costs.

Hal Logan read the resolution. Peggy Lehmann motioned to approve Resolution 14-02. Elaine D. Torres seconded. The motion passed.

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer

Hal Logan reported the December 2013 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$4,601,943.75. The 2013 fiscal year (FY) sales and use tax revenue was \$47,361,945.38. This compares to FY 2012 sales and use tax revenue of \$45,592,420.45. The variance is \$1,769,524.93, a 3.88% increase in total sales and use tax revenue in FY 2013 over FY 2012. This is the highest revenue ever collected.

4.2 Chairman

Dan Hopkins reported on a number of meetings he recently had with James Harrington, Deborah Jordy of the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts, the new executive director at the Denver Zoo, Shannon Block, and Hal Logan. He also congratulated President and CEO of Denver Museum of Nature and Science, George Sparks, on the grand opening of the new wing and the success of completing the project debt free.

4.3 Executive Director

Peg Long reported the 2013 CPI was up by 2.8%. The 2014 Tier II Threshold is \$1,514,482.45, an increase of \$41,250.49 (prior year =1,473,231.96).

Colorado Children's Chorale 40th anniversary celebration honored SCFD for supporting the Chorale since 1989.

Last year Denver Botanic Gardens partnered with the Downtown Business Improvement District to create a garden block on Denver's 16th St. Mall between Curtis and Champa Streets. This year Denver Botanic Gardens and SCFD jointly have invited all SCFD organizations to participate in activities to enlighten and entertain the public on this block over the

summer of 2014. Denver Botanic Gardens is covering all fees normally associated with special events in this space and is managing the scheduling of activities.

Reauthorization Update

- Peg Long distributed an updated list of the work groups' participants.
- Sheila Mieger gave a brief update on the survey statistics for all tiers.
- Jessica Clare gave a brief summary of a recent County Cultural Council seminar which focused on making good grant making decisions.
- Nancy McCamey reported on the Government work group meeting.

Time Study

One of Peg's goals for 2013 was "to conduct a year-long, staff time study, not to determine how long a task takes, but rather how much staff time is spent on various administrative processes that are driven by statute or as a result of SCFD's role as the largest funder of art/science/culture in the 7-county metropolitan area." Peg presented the results of this study to the Board. The Board feels the results of the study will be helpful to reauthorization discussions regarding eligibility. They also discussed that knowing how staff time is spent will help value vs. volume assessments. Peg reported that next month she will present a study focusing on operational efficiencies.

5. Other Matters - Honoring Joseph Arcese for Six Years' Service

The Board read a proclamation honoring Joseph Arcese for his six years of service to the SCFD Board of Directors. Joseph was unable to attend the meeting. His wife Sue accepted the proclamation and framed photo on his behalf.

6. Public Comment

Jane Potts shared that Doors Open Denver will be taking place April 12-13.

Charlotte D'Armond Talbert, SCC Coordinator gave each Board member a Golden Ticket to thank them for volunteering. The ticket offers discounts to many SCFD funded organizations. She also asked the Board to contact her if they knew of any schools in Douglas, Arapahoe and Broomfield counties that might be interested in participating in the Alliance Project.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.


Secretary