

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 24, 2015

1:00 pm

Denver Zoo

Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair Dan Hopkins, Vice-Chair Kathy Kucsan, Treasurer Hal Logan, Secretary Lynn Jeffers, Elaine D. Torres, Rob Johnson, Kathryn Spuhler, Councilwoman Kendra Black, Peggy Lehmann, Damon O. Barry and Kathy Imel

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Peg Long, Senior Program Manager Nancy McCamey, Program Associate Iris Gregg and Office Systems Administrator Sheila Mieger

1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Dan Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm followed by introductions. A quorum was present and the agenda was approved.

Andrew Rowan, Government Affairs & Special Projects Manager, welcomed the Board to the Denver Zoo. In 2016 the Denver Zoo will be celebrating its 120th year of existence. Last year they welcomed over two million visitors, 350,000 of them enjoyed the Denver Zoo for free. The Denver Zoo employs 300 full-time employees. The baby lion cubs are not yet on display. Andrew encouraged the Board and audience to stay after the meeting to enjoy the Lego animal sculptures throughout the grounds.

2. Approval of August 27, 2015 Board Minutes

Kathryn Spuhler motioned to approve the minutes. Rob Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

3. 2016 SCFD Budget

Peg Long reported:

- Projected 2016 revenue of \$54,500,000 will yield \$408,750 for administrative operations.
- This revenue does not take into account additional revenue that could result if the requested increase in the administrative allocation is approved by the legislature.
- The projected 2016 operating expenses are \$676,000, excluding projected election costs of approximately \$1 million. (Election costs are costs billed to SCFD by county clerks for a proportional share of such costs as printing and mailing ballots, election judges and polling equipment, etc.)
- The actual 2016 election costs would be deducted from the sales and use tax revenue received.
- As in the past seven fiscal years, interest rates remain at 0%. There is potential for an increase in 2016.

Hal Logan said the budget presented is prudent. Peg has sent the required legal notice to the Denver Post. The budget is available for public review and comment for the next 30 days at the SCFD office. The Board will vote on the 2016 budget at the October meeting.

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer

Hal Logan reported the July 2015 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$4,708,521.49. The 2015 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$31,004,962.86. This compares to YTD 2014 revenue of \$29,069,106.20. The variance is \$1,935,856.66, a 6.66% increase in YTD 2015 over YTD 2014.

4.2 Chairman

Dan Hopkins thanked Nancy McCamey, Iris Gregg and Sheila Mieger for managing the office while Peg Long was out of the office.

He announced the nominating committee to suggest 2016 officers. Rob Johnson will chair the committee and will be assisted by Peggy Lehmann, and Kathryn Spuhler. He encouraged all Board members to provide feedback. The committee will present a proposed slate of officers at the October meeting. The Board will vote on 2016 officers at the November meeting.

Dan alerted the Board and audience that the location for the October Board meeting will be changed. He has invited FACE to present its funding allocation model and will possibly invite others that have submitted models that differ from what the Board approved. Thus, a larger venue is needed. Once a location has been confirmed, staff will notify the Board and public.

Dan invited Kathryn Spuhler to speak about SCFD Educators Night and the SCFD Teen Council. Kathryn reported that the September 21, 2015 Educators Night hosted by Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS) was a success. A total of 67 SCFD funded organizations participated, and 3,926 educators and guests registered to attend. Steve Wilson, Co-chair Scientific and Cultural Collaborative (SCC), said the evening brought together organizations from all three Tiers. SCC helped sponsor the event and plans to do so again next year. George Sparks, CEO of DMNS, said the museum has been presenting educator nights for years. This was the first year they invited other organizations to participate. He said it is wonderful how much you get back when you collaborate. Kathy Kucsan said the evening made her proud to be part of the SCFD. Kathy Imel reported the organizations she spoke with were pleased with the school contacts they made.

The SCFD Teen Council met on September 20th at Mizel Arts and Cultural Center. Each member of the Council is planning to reach out to their respective Board member and County Cultural Council. They also elected officers and assigned each member to a particular SCFD discipline. Their next meeting will be November 4, 2016.

4.3 Executive Director

Peg Long reported September 11th was the deadline for submission of eligibility applications. 31 applications were submitted.

Jessica Kato will be back from her three-month maternity leave on September 28th.

5. Tier III 2015 Distributions

Nancy McCamey presented a Power Point highlighting Tier III 2015 funding statistics.

- 246 organizations submitted applications that were accepted, compared to 242 in 2014
- 8 applications were not accepted due to being late or incomplete (2 more than 2014)
- 538 total grant requests (both GOS & Project) – 7 more than 2014
- A total of 240 unique organizations were funded in 2015 (2 more than 2014)
- 62.5% of applicants applied in a single county- 37.5% applied in multiple counties (multi-county up 3% over 2014)
- Average Tier III Revenue was \$239,559 and Expenses were \$228,208
- Average SCFD award was 17% of Budget

She concluded her presentation with a reminder that the cultural councils are integral to the Tier III grant process which couldn't occur without their dedication and service.

County Cultural Council members presented highlights from their county and guidelines.

Kathy Imel, Adams County Board member, presented on behalf of the Council

Kirk Baetman, Arapahoe County Chair

Travis LaBerge, Boulder County Chair

Devon Shaft, Broomfield County Vice-Chair

Dan Regan, Denver County Chair

Dan Dertz, Douglas County Public Outreach and Assistant Supervisor, presented on behalf of the Council

John Bunting, Jefferson County Chair

Board members asked each Council member specific questions regarding his/her county. All councils reported how they arrived at their funding decisions and if they were anticipating any changes to their guidelines in the next year. Denver and Douglas counties funded some organizations above their requested amounts. Both representatives explained they had more money to give than requests. If a Council did not fund a particular organization, the Board asked the reasoning. The Board thanked Council members for their time and dedication.

Resolution 15-24 Pertaining to Distribution of Tier III Formula and Discretionary Funds

The Board read the resolution. Damon O. Barry motioned to approve Resolution 15-24: Pertaining to Distribution of 2015 Tier III Formula & Discretionary Funds. Rob Johnson seconded. The motion passed.

6. Public Comment


Jane Potts asked if the Tier III power point would be posted on the SCFD website. Sheila Mieger said it would not but she could contact the office for a copy.

Lisa Rigsby Peterson, Executive Director of the Lone Tree Arts Center, reported the Lone Tree City Council approved the CATZ resolution in support of reauthorization.

Wrenn Combs, Executive Director of Boulder Ballet, thanked the Board and the County Cultural Councils for their support. She shared that Boulder Ballet was awarded funding from five counties in 2015.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.


Secretary