

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 24, 2016

1:00 pm

Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs

Eastridge Recreation Center

Meeting Minutes

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

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Peg Long, Senior Program Manager Nancy M. Sarka, Senior Program Manager Jessica Kato and Program Associate Iris Gregg.

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination

Dan Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm followed by introductions. A quorum was present.

2. Welcome by Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs

Jerry Flannery, CEO, welcomed the Board to Eastridge Recreation Center and spoke about Highland Ranch Cultural Affairs' accomplishments made possible with the assistance from SCFD. The Cultural Affairs Division was founded in 2001 and has a public art program that includes a piece that is currently in front of the Eastridge Recreation Center.

3. Oath of Office: Ann Speer, Douglas County Appointee

Dan Hopkins swore in Ann Speer, Douglas County Appointee, to her first term. Ann Speer served several years as the chair of the Douglas County Cultural Council and is now being welcomed as a Douglas County Appointee.

4. Oath of Office: Rob Johnson, Jefferson County Appointee

Dan Hopkins swore in Rob Johnson, Jefferson County Appointee, to his second term.

5. Approval of Agenda

Elaine Torres motioned to approve the agenda. Peggy Lehmann seconded. Motion passed.

6. Approval of February 25, 2016 Meeting Board Minutes

Lynn Jeffers motioned to approve the minutes. Rob Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

7. Reports

7.1 Treasurer

Hal Logan reported the January 2016 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$4,152,331.07. This compares to January 2015 sales and use tax revenue of \$4,129,299.92. The variance is \$23,031.15. This is a .005% increase in year-to-date (YTD) 2016 revenue over YTD 2015, which means revenue was essentially flat.

7.2 Chairman

No comment.

7.3 Executive Director

6.3.1 2015 CPI Report and 2016 Tier II Threshold

Peg Long reported that this is the month for Tier III grant deadlines. There are 94 multi-county applicant organizations, which is the largest number in SCFD history. Thus far 233 organizations have submitted applications and there are currently 18 more in progress. The assistance the staff has provided to organizations includes webinars, trainings, e-blasts, and personal reminder phone calls. This year 37 out of 38 organizations

that were deemed incomplete, were able make corrections and resubmit complete applications on time because of personal phone calls notifying them of errors. Staff has been working on financial reviews of the applicants to aid County Cultural Council with their reviews.

Tier I Certification deadline is April 8.

Following next week's scheduled meeting with members of the Board, Malik Robinson, and Tony Garcia regarding the ongoing discussion on diversity and inclusiveness, Peg Long will submit a proposal for developing a diversity profile to the Board, which will be discussed at the April Board Meeting.

8. Honoring Kathryn Spuhler for six years of service to SCFD

Kathryn Spuhler served six years on the SCFD Board. Her term ended due to term limits. The Board read a proclamation honoring Kathryn. Dan Hopkins invited the Douglas County Commissioners, the Douglas County Cultural Council and the audience to share their thanks. A few of the statements of thanks included: Her passion, dedication, work, and expanding the horizons within Douglas County. Kathryn thanked the Board, staff and the Douglas County representatives for the kind words.

9. Public Comment

Kathy Spuhler reported the Teen Council met on March 13th at Hudson Gardens. Rob Johnson will be the new Board Liaison for the Council. The Teen Council received 13 applications and they are the most diverse applications they have received yet. The Council will conduct interviews and hopes to have at least two representatives per county.

10. Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice regarding TABOR requirements and SB 16-16 and Special District Election Requirements; to receive legal advice on specific legal questions and to discuss pending TABOR litigation

Damon Barry motioned to move into Executive Session. Elaine Torres seconded. Motion passed.

Dan Hopkins read the executive session announcement at 1:40pm. The Board moved into Executive Session. The public meeting resumed at 3:20pm.

11. Other Matters (new/old business)

11.1 Resolution 16-03: Pertaining to Board Initiatives Regarding Diversity and Inclusion Pursuant to C.R.S. §32-13-107(3)

Dan Hopkins reminded the Board about the ongoing conversations with members of the public regarding diversity and inclusiveness. Peg Long spoke that this has been an ongoing effort since last June's Board resolution regarding Tier I and Tier II discretionary funds being more focused. This resolution reflects the Board's priority of focusing specifically on diversity and inclusiveness, engaging in the conversation that is also occurring at the national level, and making sure SCFD recognizes and respects that every single citizen is able to engage in meaningful cultural programming. This recognizes the language the board adopted for the Tier I and Tier II certification reports, the board's commitment to work with other cultural funders to create a cultural alliance, and commitment to dedicate funds outside of the sales and use tax revenue to encourage diverse programming. Several Board members spoke on behalf of the importance of the resolution.

Kathy Kucsan motioned to approve Resolution 16-03. Kendra Black seconded. Motion passed.

Dan Hopkins requested that SCFD Attorney Alan Pogue explain the Letter of Intent (LOI) addressed within Resolution 16-03. The Tier I organizations would release funds to a community foundation that would administer the funds to the awarded applicants. The LOI is in draft form at this time. Alan Pogue read a support letter from the Denver Zoo.

Dan Hopkins welcomed any comments from the audience. Questions about the Letters of Intent and allocations serving all counties were answered. Brian Vogt, Denver Botanic Gardens CEO, expressed thanks to the Board and to FACE and spoke about the importance of diversity.

The Board thanked the Tier I organizations for their support and spoke about the importance this will have within the community.

Damon Barry motioned to accept the Letter of Intent, as amended with Dan Hopkins having the administrative power for decision making regarding the LOI. Rob Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Harrington, CATZ, thanked everyone involved and said that the SCFD Bill is now in a good position for ballot approval.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm.


Secretary