

Friends of Guy Mason Recreation Center

Thursday, January 7, 2010

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present:

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Directors Absent:

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City Representatives Present: Jesus Aguirre (new Interim Director, DPR), Vince Cain (DPR), Bridgit Stesney (DPR Capital Office), Andrew (Drew) del Junco (Outreach and Service Specialist, Mayor's Office), and Peter Dimtchev (Mayor's Office)

Special Guests Update on Building Upgrades:

New Interim Director, DPR, Jesus Aguirre and all guests introduced themselves and he shared that he is out visiting various constituent groups to learn what the issues are, build relationships, and help us meet our goals. FOGM President Melman described demographics/"users" of center and that the building is in dire need of renovation. FOGM's hope is to get additional funding so additional areas can be addressed that are not in the current plan (i.e. replace windows) but Mr. Aguirre said no additional funding is available. President Melman also thanked DPR and the Mayor's office for allowing us to continue hosting classes on site until official groundbreaking occurs and DPR committed to also keep outside programs in place during the construction process. Alan Lew will be Project Manager overseeing construction based on the current approved plan and funding levels. Mr. Aguirre shared he and the Mayor are meeting with Director Lew tomorrow and everyone, including Councilwoman Cheh, has complete confidence he is the right person to see this project through. Drew then shared that January 20th at 2:30pm there would be a meeting at Old Europe including the Mayor's office and neighborhood merchants to discuss the rodent problem. Recommendations include purchasing a trash compactor to be shared by all businesses and groups. Lastly, the Partnership Agreement was discussed and Director Aguirre stated his desire to partner with FOGM and his need for FOGM to liaise with the community (ANC's). He also said he understands we are a bit different due to our 501(c)3 status. Special Guests were then dismissed so board could carry on with normal business.

Review and approval of Minutes:

November meeting minutes have not been submitted and approved. December meeting minutes were shared in draft form with a few board members but have not yet been finalized.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$11,861; CDs: \$90,000 + interest. Additional \$4,400 in sponsorships are not included in this number. Upcoming large expenditures include tree maintenance for \$3,000. and \$2,000 for financial review/audit (both were previously approved).

Old Business:

Stroller Path:

Milton shared that Alberto's bid is the lowest. Motion made and board **approved** spending up to \$15,000 on this project. Hadley recommended, and all agreed, that a plaque be included in the design stating that the stroller path is a "gift from Friends of Guy Mason".

Fundraiser 2009:

Closed. Acknowledgements done but some need to be redone for straight donations.

Fundraiser 2010:

There will be a meeting at Meg Markham's house this Sunday 10th at 4pm. Sponsorship appeals, both corporate and individual, have been sent out. VP (Biden) has been invited and Mary Cheh has confirmed her attendance and willingness to host an auction lunch again. Pearson's has confirmed their support and music has been **approved** at \$650 for a duo. Meg read through list of potential sponsors after sharing the already committed list and assignments were made to follow up with folks so they can be included in the invitation.

Partnership Agreement and ANC's:

Our partnership agreement requires we get support from the ANC's so representatives from our board will be attending upcoming ANC meetings to garner support. This is still stalled. No General Council at DPR so with OAG.

New Business:

Crosswalk Repainting: Done.

Bumper Stickers/Banners: discussed briefly but no commitments made.

Board Vacancies and Elections:

Current slate of 9 board directors, including current officer assignments, were **approved**.

In-Building DPR Staff Involvement: It was discussed that we'd like Carol to be more involved so will invite her to future meetings.

Next Meeting:

The next FOGM Board meeting will be held Thursday, February 4, 2010.

Meeting Adjourned