

Friends of Guy Mason Recreation Center

Thursday, November 6, 2008

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present:

Milt Grossman (President)	202.965.5414	mgrossman@mbolaw.com
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Gail Kennedy (Secretary)	202-652-0251	timandgail@hotmail.com
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Chris Marlow	202-965-0690	chris@innovativeidentity.com
Patsy Semple	202-342-9649	psemple@cpsc.gov

Directors Absent:

Will Miller	202-256-2306	willindc@mac.com
Joe Rieser	202-333-2512	rieser.joseph@arentfox.com
Anslie Stokes	202-966-0400	anslie@stokesrealtor.com

Director Candidates Present:

Neal Joffe		neiljoffe@hotmail.com
Pleasance Silicki	202-257-3544	pleasancel@yahoo.com

City Representatives Present:

Councilwoman Mary Cheh; DPR Director Clark Ray and DPR Staff, Sarah Moulton and Caryl King; Gilberto Solano from the Mayor's Office.

Building Rehabilitation Developments:

This was the first order of business due to the large showing of guests to explain/discuss changes to the building rehabilitation plans. DPR Director Ray explained that there will now be no new building addition at Guy Mason. After spending \$300,000 on plans, the costing for the project came in at \$8-10 million and, apparently, there is only \$3 million in the capital budget for this project. The \$3m is available now and they are prepared to move forward at our direction based upon timing of classes, etc. Mr. Ray stated that the \$3m would be enough to "aggressively makeover" the current building and bring it into full compliance with all requirements (ADA, etc.). Mary Cheh asked that the \$3m be considered Phase #1 of a multi-phase project and that the renovations be done in such a way as to embrace the eventual building of a new structure. Mary Cheh further suggested that the Mayor's office include budget for Phase #2 to show good faith and commitment to Guy Mason. It was discussed that the reality is that \$3m is not likely even enough to renovate the current building. Dan Melman made the appeal that the Mayor's office make a commitment to Adult Education and recognize that we are one of only two adult rec centers in the city. It was recommended by Roz Doggett that Mr. Allen Lew, Executive Director

of Public Education Facilities Modernization, come and meet with the FOGM board and community and also perform a proper assessment as to what can actually be done within the current budgetary constraints.

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The need for a Press Strategy was also discussed with an idea to invite the Current to referenced meeting with Mr. Lew.

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$16,020.67; CDs: \$70,000 (7 x \$10,000, fully insured); approx. \$2,000 in expenses for plantings on property.

Minutes: Motion made to accept October 2 Minutes as documented. **Passed.**

Roof: Caryl reported that the new roof (slate) project was completed on Tuesday. There was discussion on the need for better coordination so as not to interrupt class scheduling in the future.

Basketball Backboards:

Work scheduled to be completed next week.

Financial Reports and Audit: Dan Melman offered to take responsibility for arranging this work to be done.

Partnership Agreement Revisions: Milt still in discussions with Melissa McKnight, DPR. They are near finalization. The issue is what happens to funds if FOGM dissolved. Proposal is that funds go to ANC3(b) but not sure if this is feasible. Milt waiting to hear from ANC.

Website Maintenance: Website content development continues. Send content to Chris Marlow for uploading to web.

Annual Fundraiser at Savoy:

Meg reported she's made calls to Savoy in an effort to secure a date. She'll follow-up with them. Hadley appealed to Board that we need to get started asap so as to avoid rush of years past.

Board Elections:

Solicited nominations through Glover Park Gazette, ANC's, neighborhood listservs, etc. Two new candidates, Pleasance Silicki and Neil Joffe attended meeting and were introduced to the Board . The Directors present voted unanimously to elect the following persons to the Board:

Hadley Boyd
Rosalyn Doggett
Milton Grossman
Neil Joffe
Gail Kennedy
Meg Markhan
Chris Marlow
Dan Melman
Joseph Rieser
Patsy Semple
Pleasance Silicki
Anslie Stokes

Officer Elections:

Dan Melman - President
Hadley Boyd - Vice President
Meg Markham - Treasurer
Gail Kennedy - Secretary.

It was also discussed that we will hold a board position for representative of Savoy Hotel or another business in the community. All appointments effective immediately.

Dan Melman recognized Milton Grossman for past service and commitment to FOGM.

New Business: Tree Maintenance: Milt reported the need to spend \$3,240 for required tree maintenance on approximately 11 trees. **Approved.**

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Date is December 4