

**Friends of Carrollwood Cultural Center
Board Meeting
April 15, 2015
Carrollwood Cultural Center**

Board Members Present: Nancy Stearns, *President*, Alan Preston, *Treasurer*, Bill DeMare, Rex Henderson, Sandra Harrington, Evelyn Bless, *Vice President*, Craig Nowicke, Dan Saxe, Neil Smith

Board Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Paul Berg, director

Call to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Nancy Stearns

Public comment: none

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: by Alan Preston

Second: by Evelyn Bless

Discussion: none

Motion passed: 9-0

2. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

Board Minutes: Corrections for Item 7, FONWRP instead of "him", correction of Par.6, line 7, Dan Saxe' name was spelled incorrectly.

Motion: by Nancy Stearns

Second: by Bill DeMare

Consent Agenda also consisted of

Committee minutes

Governance Committee

Program/Development committee

Finance Committee

ED Report

Motion Passed: 9-0f

- 3. Board Fund Raising:** Nancy Stearns is asking board members to donate a box of ornaments to decorate a traditional tree. Nancy will provide the tree and the lights. The trees will go up the week before Thanksgiving for bidding. Trees will be picked up Dec. 15 by the winners of the silent auction. Paul reported that the center made \$1200 last year from the tree sales. He is going to ask the chorus to decorate a tree. Craig Nowicke volunteered for the chorus to do a music sound track for the event.
- 4. Dellwood Property Update:** Bill DeMare reported that the county commission met on March 18, and Ken Hagan presented the option of the park. The commissioners voted 6-0 to move forward and several spoke positively. The commissioners want more cost information presented in the future. There are some negative elements expressed by the community that will have to be worked out as we deal with details. Hopefully the county commission's decision making will occur this year under the current board and monies will be appropriated.
- 5. Dellwood Planning:** Paul Berg reported we are concerned with management of the park. The center's bylaws need to be looked at and reviewed, our current contract with the county needs to also be looked at. The more proactive we are the better our situation is going to be. Paul is planning to meet with Ken Tinkler (attorney) and Bill DeMare on Friday to discuss management options. Bill explained that we are a line item in the county budget and therefore governed by

sunshine laws. Ken Tinkler advised that we don't want to leave this position. Paul proposed that we start planning as soon as possible so that we are ready when the county asks. Evelyn suggested a subcommittee. After the meeting with Mr. Tinkler, Paul said they will know how to bring in specific committees. Bill suggested that after the Friday meeting, he and Paul draft a summary of the meeting and email it to the board.

6. **Unfinished business.** Nancy Stearns suggested that members introduce themselves to Dan Saxe, the newest member of the board. Nancy is looking to find a replacement for Jennifer Fritch in Phase 1. Evelyn Bless brought up an item from the last meeting which was the budget report. Paul reported that changing a fiscal year is not simple, but the financial books are mostly in order. A new member, Brenda is expected to join the board soon, and she has budget experience. Evelyn mentioned that the board does not have a secretary. She also mentioned the request for naming a room for Jim Burge; the board will ask the governance committee to discuss this and make a recommendation to the board. Bill suggested that the governance committee address the policy for customer service and bring suggestions to the board

Bill DeMare moved that a moratorium be placed on expenditures (other than operations) until the next board meeting. Motion seconded by Nancy Stearns.

Motion passed: 9-0

7. **New Business:** Craig presented that "Buckets" is joining in giving promotions at the production this Friday.

Adjourned at 1:20. Next meeting is May 20, 2015 at 12:00.

Submitted:

Linda Delapenha

Recording Secretary