

Friends of Guy Mason Recreation Center

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Board Meeting Minutes

Directors Present:

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City Representatives Present: None

Review and approval of Minutes:

Last meeting minutes (date?) not presented/approved as they were taken by Patsy and she was not present at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$12,061.18; CDs: \$90,000 + interest. Expenses of \$250. for Halloween party, ? for postage, and ? for mallot repair at playground.

Old Business:

DPR/Building Upgrades:

Dan sent letter to DPR requesting an update on the project but no official response has been received. It has since been announced that a new interim DPR Director, Jesus Aguirre, has been appointed for a 6-month term. We have also learned that Sarah Moulton is no longer with DPR. Our current understanding is that the building is still scheduled to be shuttered after Christmas with an expected groundbreaking in March. All programs are scheduled to be temporarily moved to Jelleff, Chevy Chase Community Center, etc. starting in January. However, the board's position is to not allow the building to be shuttered until we have confirmation the work is actually funded and will proceed. Dan to call Mr. Aguirre and also follow-up with Mary Cheh's staff for their support. Roz also to put in calls to ?.

Savoy Fundraiser/Reception Acknowledgements:

Dan sent tax acknowledgement letters for 2009 donations. Some need to be redone for straight donations. Dan also drafting corporate sponsorship request letters for 2010 fundraiser which will

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be held Thursday, March 4. A separate meeting was held by a subset of the board to develop a timeline for the March 4 fundraiser. Once corporate sponsorship letters go out, we will need to follow-up and start pounding the pavement requesting silent auction donations.

Cooperative Agreement :

Stalled. No General Counsel at DPR; at OAG

Financial Review/Audit/Taxes:

2-year audit/financial review in process. Additional \$500. **approved** for total of up to \$2,000 authorized for this expense.

New Business:

Resignation of Joe Rieser

The board received and has accepted Joe Rieser's resignation. We wish to thank Joe for his many years of dedicated service, especially utilizing his legal skills in reviewing and consulting on our cooperative partnership agreement with DPR. Joe reports that time constraints do not allow him to continue to serve on our board.

Appointment of new Interim Director, DPR:

As mentioned above, Mayor Fenty has announced that Jesus Aguirre is the new Interim Director, DPR. This appointment is for a term of 6 months. Again, Dan to reach out and introduce FOGM to Mr. Aguirre.

Stroller Path:

Milton presented a drawing (developed by our landscape consultant Sally Boasberg) and quote (from Alberto Goncalves) for a new stroller path with access from Calvert Street. This new plan meets ADA grade requirements. The quote is between \$10,000 and \$15,000 depending upon whether or not bricks are included or whether it is only concrete. There was some debate by the board on whether we should spend more to have the bricks. No decision was reached although it was agreed Milton should seek additional price quotes.

Wood Chips:

DPR provided new wood chips for the playground.

ANC:

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.

Special events in the building:

Don't know what this is about?

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Rats:

A rat problem on the grounds of Guy Mason has been reported. Haldeman wants another trash compactor. We suggest partnering with Whole Foods for more frequent trash pick-up, etc.

Crosswalk Repainting:

We have new roads, sidewalks, etc. on Calvert and 36th (?) streets. A new crosswalk needs to be painted at the stop sign at this intersection.

Board Vacancies and Elections:

This will be addressed at the January meeting. We have received Joe Rieser's resignation and we will not be renewing Neil Joffe's board position due to lack of involvement. There was some discussion about recruiting new board members including a community business representative and possibly a teacher or "inside" the building representative.

Tree Maintenance:

Milton presented a proposal from The Care of Trees for Winter pruning. \$3,000. **approved** for this expense.

Next Meeting:

The next FOGM Board meeting will be held Thursday, January 7, 2010 (Location TBD, possibly Savoy Suites Hotel)

Meeting Adjourned