

Minutes of the

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Truckee-Donner Recreation and Park District

July 5, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Truckee-Donner Recreation and Park District was called to order by Chairman Werbel at the Community Recreation Center, 8924 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA, at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call –

Directors Present: Kevin Murphy, Peter Werbel (left at 7:00 P.M.), John Monson, Kristin York, Janet Brady (arrived at 6:30 P.M.).

Directors Absent: None.

Others Present: Steve Randall, General Manager; Sue Mitchell, District Clerk; Dan O’Gorman, Recreation Superintendent; Shaun Mitchell, Network Administrator; Mark Brown, Town of Truckee; Keith Vogt, PAC; Nina Markowski, Artist; Cindy Smith, Citizen; Lynne Larson, Citizen; Jason Shueh, Sierra Sun; Bob French, PAC; Bryan Godbe, Godbe Research.

Public Input – Nina Markowski stated she took it upon herself to do a poll about this building coming down and did not come across one person who was aware of this.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Werbel announced he owns property within 500’ of the Performing Arts Center project, recused himself from discussion on Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5, and stepped down from the dais.

4.1 Presentation from Godbe Research on survey results for potential bond measure for trails, performing arts center, and aquatic center – Bryan Godbe made a presentation and reviewed the survey results for the potential bond measure. He discussed research objectives, methodology overview, uninformed support, support for different rates, features of the measure, influence of supporting statements, potential opposition statements, informed support, and alternative measure dates. Final summary and recommendations:

- The survey revealed a base of voter support for a future bond measure.
- However, because total support only reached the two-thirds level in the second ballot test for November 2012 voters, and was the lowest among November 2011 voters, Godbe Research and TBWB Strategies recommend that Truckee-Donner Recreation and Park District postpone placing the measure on the ballot until 2012.
- Godbe Research and TBWB Strategies also strongly recommend the District conduct an extensive public outreach effort and then consider placing the measure on the November 2012 ballot. Currently:
 - Total support for a \$14 million dollar bond measure reached 68% after voters had heard information about the measure, including potential programs to be funded, among November 2012 voters.
 - However, this level does not account for the survey’s 5.6% margin of error.

- Further, the results indicate that cost in isolation has an impact on support. Specifically, 68% of voters supported the measure at the lowest tested rate of \$7 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.
- In an alternative measure that a lower tax rate would fund, support drops to 64% among November 2012 voters.

Mr. Godbe responded to public comment and answered questions.

4.2 Direction on how to proceed with the potential bond measure – Manager Randall stated if we go out for a November 2011 ballot, we have to decide tonight. Vice Chairman Murphy stated we don't have the legal language regarding the transfer of funds to the town and the aquatic design feasibility figures are not in. We do not have a formal recommendation from the trails coalition. We need to review the voter survey and the economic impact information and we have not debated the tax structures. Formal recommendations from the stakeholders are due next Board meeting. He recommended the Board defer this to a future Board meeting. Director York made a motion to not go to a bond in November 2011 for a pool, performing arts, and trails, and continue to work with stakeholders for a future election date and decisions, seconded by Director Monson. After public comment, the motion passed with four Ayes and one Absent (Werbel).

4.3 Request from Cindy Smith to build the Performing Arts Center at the new Community Center site – Cindy Smith stated the performing arts commission was not informed or asked to consider the new community center location. This building (Community Art Center) is an essential community resource. It provides meeting space and office space.

Board comment:

- The economic impact study said it makes the best sense for cost recovery for it to be downtown. It will revive the downtown area.
- We have gone through the process. We have done our due diligence, held public meetings, and have looked at all the facts.
- The new planned facility will also have rooms for meeting space.

Director Murphy moved to formally decide our Performing Arts Center would be located at 10046 Church Street, Truckee, seconded by Director York. Bob French, PAC, stated it is ill advised to lock yourself in to that statement. It would be more appropriate to designate it as your preferential location. Cindy Smith stated a development permit to demolish this building will take up to a year or more and \$100,000 or more. The Board has already spent \$100,000; how much of the taxpayer's money are you going to spend on this? Director York stated there is the cost of the facility and the long term economic benefit. Nina Markowski stated she is very much in support of performing arts, but it is unfathomable to imagine this building torn down. She would welcome you to come on her TV show to let the community know what is happening. Director Murphy withdrew his motion and Director Monson withdrew his second. Director Murphy moved to formally make our preference for the Performing Arts Center to be located at 10046 Church Street, Truckee, seconded by Director Monson. After public comment, the motion passed with four Ayes and one Absent (Werbel).

4.4 Approval of professional services redesign contract for architectural fees for the Performing Arts Center – Bob French, PAC, stated the Performing Arts Commission has recommended you utilize the exemptions that exist for removal of the historic building to be

replaced by another building that has substantial benefit. The results of the Godbe survey suggest at some point in time it will be appropriate to move forward with a bond measure. After public comment and Board discussion, Director Monson moved to approve the professional services contract for the redesign and to move forward with the services as described for \$89,850, seconded by Director Murphy. Motion passed with four Ayes and one Absent (Werbel).

4.5 Approval of bond financial services contract and bond counsel proposal –

a) Financial services contract – Manager Randall stated we have been utilizing consultants to provide financial information on the bond. This contract is to lock in their services on an hourly basis. Director Murphy stated they combined their efforts and the compensation is not split out. He would rather have separate contracts. No board action was taken.

b) Bond counsel proposal – Pulled from discussion.

Special Announcements – None.

Additional Matters of Interest to Board Members – Director Monson stated the equestrian commission is considering creating a Facebook page or other social media.

Director Murphy stated he needs to step down as Vice Chairman. The financial burden and time has been excessive. Election of a new Vice Chairman will be agendized at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

District Clerk _____

Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors _____

Secretary of the Board of Directors _____