

DBLA BOD Work Session
June 16, 2017 – 6:00pm

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Roll Call:

Leaseholders Present: 27

BOD: Kosha Long, Vice President
Char Schulz, Treasurer
Linda Enger, Secretary
Lynn Brem, Member at Large

Staff: Barb Gilger, Park Manager

President's Opening Statement

President is not here so I, the VP will open this meeting. Hopefully, it will be a nice calm meeting. Barb will start with her report.

Facilities Manager Report

Attached

Discussion:

- No questions, comments, or concerns expressed

NTI Work

- Status Update
 - NTI's completed self help guide and decision matrix was due today – have not heard from them
 - Linda will contact NTI tomorrow
 - Update postponed till 06/23/17 BOD Meeting

Committee Discussions

- ALRC
 - Bullet withdrawn by Committee Chair - No discussion
- Pet
 - Use caution when approaching parked vehicles to avoid startling a pet
 - Recommendations for rodent avoidance
 - Poison is bad because a dog might eat a dead mouse or get into the poison
 - Please do not use poison on the outside of your home or anywhere on your lots
 - From the GREEN TEAM: Mice are extremely successful in terms of evolution
 - Limit their shelter
 - Limit their food
 - Increase predators – we are looking at increasing the owl population in the park
 - From Facilities Manager: I did a lot of research on traps
 - I bought three electronic traps for the park
 - We haven't caught a single mouse
 - If you use traps, you might want to not set it at first and let them come eat the bait a few times and then set the trap
 - Are owls out in the day?
 - No, owls are nocturnal
 - I would like the Green Team to be careful about increasing the owl population because owls are capable of picking up small dogs

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- We had a leaseholder who had big problems with the mice. Exterminator told her to get rid of her bird feeder and set traps
 - I had mice and I got rid of them and started closing my door – I don't have them anymore
 - Signs to alert rescuers about your pets
 - We will give them out to anyone who would like one
- Web
 - Bullet withdrawn by Committee Chair – no discussion
- New Business
 - Discovery Bay Women's Foundation: Has the Time Come? – Victoria Harris
 - Handout attached
 - Discussion
 - I am familiar with this type of foundation and it was really slick. The organization for which it was “an umbrella” could do many things they couldn't do before
 - I am familiar with this as well. A 501c3 is required to have a purpose – what would it be?
 - There are two things: education – that could pay for speakers, sending someone to a workshop, etc. and charitable donations for targeted groups like CERT for example.
 - Would you talk more about the “grant” – will people outside the park be giving us money? What would they want in return
 - As an example: The Ben Cheney Foundation targets the counties where Cheney did logging. Clallam and Jefferson are part of that area and have benefitted from the Ben Cheney Foundation, particularly in the purchasing of equipment. Donors get a tax write off, and can direct their money toward specific beneficiaries.
 - I am trying to get my head around this. We are involving people from outside this community once we start accepting money from them. I think that is a bad idea.
 - Would we be required to have someone from outside DBR on our BOD?
 - Great question: the foundation directors board is separate. While a DBR community member would sit on the foundation director board, it would not be visa versa.
 - I am curious about the relationship of the foundation to the community at large. We can name the park as a beneficiary. Can other organizations get money from the foundation?
 - As people donate to the foundation, they can request that their donation is used only within DBR
 - Regarding the Master Gardener foundation, Master Gardeners is sponsored by WSU which is a public organization. That is the difference.
 - At SMR I was on the BOD. We raised 300k for a craft room. We tried to become a 501c3 and we couldn't do that because we were a private organization. You must provide a public service to become a 501c3. You brought up legacy, and that is doable. The CERT folks are working with the Clallam FD but they are not offering a service, they are learning how we can take care of ourselves. If the CERT Team is able to assist outside the park after they have secured DBR, they will do that.
 - I think you can use this as a starting point to consider possibilities but we cannot become a 501c3

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- Let me be clear about a couple of things. I have a lot of respect for people who have been down a path that is similar to the one I am considering, who say it is not possible. To say that to do a 501c3 requires us to open our park to the public is not based in legal fact. I don't want to not do this simply because the Pueblo tried it and it didn't work.
 - It seems to me that we are talking about legal issues here. Why don't we sit down with a lawyer and find out if we should do it?
 - I am not suggesting that we do anything illegal. I respect the folks who want to sit down with lawyers.
 - I think people are just afraid that outsiders will come to DBR and it won't be the same. There is a lot of fear about outsiders.
 - I understand the fear. I just want to bring the fear level down a little bit.
 - There are ways to access funds that are currently not available
 - If you run your donation through a foundation, you have balance of scale
 - I like where you are going with this idea. The answers you get depends on which attorney you go to. I really like this idea.
 - I would like to know why people would want to give us money. We are not a disadvantaged group, we bought a new pool, why would someone want to give us money?
 - I would like to point out that there are several leaseholders who live at or below the poverty level which in Seattle is 48k for an individual and over 60k for a family of four.
 - I am going to ask for people who are interested, to get with me at a later date to discuss the details of starting The Discovery Bay Women's Foundation.
- Kosha Long
 - Since the development of a foundation has nothing to do with DBLA, and the BOD cannot participate in discussions about this, it is now time to adjourn the meeting.
 - Anyone who is interested in further discussion of this idea can meet with Victoria separately.
 - I need a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Linda Enger

Second: Char Schulz

Meeting Adjourned: 6:58pm