



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
REGULAR MEETING  
DC Ranch Community Council, Inc.  
The Homestead Community Center  
Thursday, November 9, 2017

**Attending:**

Ron Belmont, President  
Mark Eberle, Treasurer  
Bud Kern  
Jill Edwards Resnick  
Jill Hegardt

**Staff Attending:**

Chris Irish, Executive Director  
Jona Davis, Community Engagement Director  
Brad Bishop, Facilities & Recreation Director  
Sylvia Miles, Financial Operations Director  
Erin May Valdez, Executive Assistant/HR Administrator

**Excused Absence:**

Marc Blonstein, Vice President  
Pat Simpson

**I. Call to order**

Ron Belmont called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and welcomed all guests and staff in attendance. Ron welcomed new board member Jill Hegardt, who replaces Melinda Gulick as the "shared" board member with the Covenant Commission. Jill has worked for DMB for 14 years and is a DC Ranch resident.

**II. Approval of September Minutes**

***Motion: To approve the minutes from the September 28, 2017 Board Meeting  
Moted by Bud Kern; Seconded by Mark Eberle; Motion passed unanimously***

**III. President's Report**

Ron announced he had proxy voting power for Pat Simpson and Marc Blonstein for all votes in the meeting. Ron gave an update on the Governance Committee's latest meeting. They discussed the Icon project; concerns include traffic and parking, and the committee will continue to monitor work. The Covenant Commission has appointed Debbie Beardsley as their new President.

**IV. 2016 Tax Return**

Sylvia reviewed the 2016 tax return from the auditors, it is due November 15. She and Mark Eberle have reviewed and signed off on it.

**V. 2018 Budget Approval**

Chris presented the 2018 Operating and Capital budgets. The Operating budget has a 2.6% increase in revenue and a 2.38% increase in expenses. She explained the new service fees for registration through Eventbrite, which are included in the budget's "Other" line item. Assessments will increase by \$2 to \$47 per month. Chris answered several questions from residents in attendance.

The Capital budget for 2018 includes three improvement projects; the biggest will be a path and trail improvement project, which is the first of its kind in DC Ranch's 20 year history.

***Motion: To approve the 2018 Operating budget of \$3,888,155 Revenue and \$3,897,835 Expenses and a Capital budget of \$177,500 in expenses.***

***Motioned by Jill Edwards Resnick; Seconded by Bud Kern; Motion passed unanimously.***

## **V. Strategic Plan Update**

Jona reviewed the DCR2020 project to date, including the published document that is posted on dcranch.com. She reviewed history of the task force formation and input sessions that residents, stakeholders, local leaders, etc. participated in. Standing principles and key initiatives were reviewed. A lead will be assigned to each of those elements; the Ranch Association and Community Council staff have been assigned equal number of initiative leads.

## **VI. Executive Director's Report**

This agenda item was accidentally skipped in the meeting.

## **VII. Public Affairs**

Chris informed the board that the city decided to not make any decisions on the Desert EDGE project at this time. They will wait to see if the citizen's initiative for a public vote on building in the preserve gets enough signatures to go on the ballot. This will probably not be known until July 2018. Since this is the case, Chris suggested and the board agreed that there is no advantage to DC Ranch making any statements at this time. There are too many variables at play.

Ron reviewed the board's decision to hire a part-time Public Affairs Director. The position will look for local and legislative issues that might affect DC Ranch and stay in front of any upcoming projects. The board has approved Chris Irish to take this position once a new Executive Director is hired and installed. The Executive Director position will be posted both nationally and locally as soon as possible. The search is expected to take 3-6 months.

## **IX. New Business**

None reported.

## **X. Adjourn Meeting**

***Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.***

***Motioned by Bud Kern; Seconded by Mark Eberle; Motion passed unanimously.***