



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
REGULAR MEETING
DC Ranch Community Council, Inc.
The Homestead Community Center
Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Attending:

Ron Belmont, President
Marc Blonstein, Vice President
Mark Eberle, Treasurer
Jill Hegardt
Bud Kern
Jill Edwards Resnick
Pat Simpson

Staff Attending:

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

I. Call to order

Ron Belmont called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. and welcomed all guests in attendance.

II. Approval of November 2017 Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the November 9, 2017 Board Meeting

Motioned by Jill Hegardt; Seconded by Mark Eberle; Motion passed unanimously

III. Guest Presentations

Resident Susan Grace made comments on encouraging the Council's staff to focus more on life-long learning while planning programming activities throughout the year.

Resident Peggy Kennelly made comments on a desire for staff to form a partnership with interested residents for input on programming for the 70% of residents who do not have children at home.

Ron thanked them both for their comments.

IV. President's Report

Ron announced the Community Council's new Executive Director, Jenna Kohl, will start February 22. She was the CEO of the Anthem Community Council, structured very similar to DC Ranch, for 8 years. Ron thanked Chris for her service and leadership.

The recent Governance Committee meeting focused on the dog waste problem, and Ron thanked Darren for working on that issue. They also discussed reviewing landscape/maintenance procedures, aggregating park fees, and apartment residents contributing to maintenance of parks. The Council board will further discuss this issue.

V. Financial Reports

For December, operating expenses were over budget due to calculating vacation liability expenses. \$80,000 was contributed to the Capital and Reserve funds. The Capital fund now has \$470,000 in it; the Reserve is 90% funded. Sylvia presented the preliminary 2017 year-end financial review. Currently we show year-end proceeds of approximately \$3,000. This will adjust after the Management Fee Audit is complete.

The cash balance amount sits at 3.8 months.

VI. Covenant Commission Report

Jan Baratta, Senior Design Review Manager for the Covenant Commission, presented information on their scope of work in 2017. 30 homes were started and 31 homes were finished in the year. 8 new homes started construction in January. The Declarant still owns 14 lots in the Upper Canyon of Silverleaf. The hotel at DC Ranch Crossings is still in planning.

VII. Public Affairs Update

Chris reviewed the history of the NextGen flight path changes to and from Sky Harbor Airport. DC Ranch has worked with Rep. Schweikert's office regarding the issue. Bud Kern reviewed changed flight path information. Chris will deliver a letter from DC Ranch at the February 8 FAA informational meeting to request that DC Ranch be part of the dialogue on east flight patterns; the letter will be shared with the Ranch Association board and posted on dcranch.com.

IX. Nominating Committee Report

Mark Eberle discussed the nominating committee's search; the committee includes him, Ron and Chris. They are looking for two members to replace Pat Simpson and Marc Blonstein, who roll off the board at the end of March. They have interviewed two candidates; applications are welcomed until March 1. All applicants will be interviewed by the committee. The new members will be voted upon at the March 22 meeting to start their term April 1.

X. Executive Director's Report

Chris shared information on the Habitat at the Ranch charity project on March 2 and 3. There is also a fundraising gala on March 3. The Community Center deeds are transferring back to the Council from the Ranch; ownership will be helpful in planning any possible additions or construction.

Chris recapped the 20th anniversary DC Ranch Day and reviewed the new Community Garden plans.

There will be a Programming Open House held on March 7th at The Homestead 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend, learn about the various types of programming, and provide input and feedback on programming they wish to see implemented.

XI. New Business

None reported.

XII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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