NPF Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2014

Present: Linda Beacham, Jim Bridwell, Dick Brugam, Chip Borden, Sharon Locke, Jen Rehg, Kurt Schulz, Director (ex officio): Janet Burnett
Recording: Jen Rehg

1. Call to Order at 6:18 PM
2. Approval of October meeting minutes
   a. Dick made motion to approve minutes.
   b. Kurt seconded the motion.
   c. Minutes approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report (Janet Burnett)
   a. 5k budget provided as addendum.
   b. Report accepted as submitted.
4. Committee Reports
   a. Restoration Committee (Kurt Schulz) - Highlights:
      i. Trees (3 southern pin oaks and burr oak) funded by Beautification Committee were planted in Kay’s Grove.
      ii. SIUE Biology Club participated in October work day. Club requested a project to focus their efforts for a future volunteer day.
      iii. Beaver activity is causing problems with water flow. Janet has contacted Bob Pfeiffer.
      iv. Bird water feature – the committee continues to discuss plans and design.
      v. In upcoming work days, the committee plans to refocus attention on the front entrance to ensure it is in good shape.
5. Staff Report (Janet Burnett)
   a. Highlights:
      i. Program on restoring prairie-chicken habitat was well attended and the presenter (Bob Gillespie) did a great job.
      ii. Final Storytelling event for year occurred. The program was successful, and it is hoped the volunteer, Ike Day, can continue next year.
      iii. A grant was received from Jr Service to supply needed tools.
   b. Report accepted as presented.
6. Old Business
   a. Based on news reported in Intelligencer, a $37000 bid was approved for replacing/resurfacing of asphalt at WNC. Work started last week and further work has been delayed due to wet weather; waiting on appropriate weather to restart.
   b. City connections
      i. Meeting occurred with representatives from City, WNC, Lewis and Clark, and District 7 (including: Dale Chapman, Hal Patton, Hightower, Linda Andre, Sharon Locke, Kurt Schulz, and Janet Burnett).
      ii. Sharon and Kurt talked with Assoc Provost of Research at SIUE about opportunities at WNC.
      iii. There is a planned a walk-around the WNC on Friday, Nov. 14, with individuals participating in the meeting, including Dale Chapman.
      iv. There remains a question regarding the future of the executive director position. Linda will request a meeting with mayor to discuss this specifically.
      v. Jim, Chip, Linda, Kurt will discuss a WNC management “wish list” to guide future decisions, including items such as: board role in management, reporting guidelines for the director, decision-making responsibilities, and logistical and financial support.
7. New Business
   a. Part-time staff situation
i. Jim made a motion to terminate part time position at end of January, and to notify Chaipo Schaffer after next December board meeting.
   ii. Sharon seconded motion.
   iii. Motion passed.

8. Adjournment
   a. Sharon made a motion to adjourn.
   b. Kurt seconded motion.
   c. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.