

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes REGULAR MEETING Virtual Meeting via Zoom July 28, 2022

Attending:

Jill Hegardt, President
Elizabeth Kepuraitis, Treasurer/Secretary
Alex Townsend, Director
Ron Belmont, Director

Staff Attending:

Jenna Kohl, Executive Director
Mike Fenzel, Facilities & Recreation Director
Jona Davis, Community Engagement Director
Dee Nortman, Financial Operations Director
Melissa Fuentes, Executive Assistant/HR Administrator
Lynette Whitener, Event & Program Senior Manager
Elizabeth Dankert, Communications Senior Manager

Excused Absence:

Natalie Ingram Ethan Knowlden Claudia Stiglic

I. Call to order

President Hegardt called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and a quorum was established via Roll Call. All board members were present except for Directors Ingram, Knowlden, and Stiglic who had excused absences.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the May 26, 2022, Board meeting and June 6, 2022, special open session Motioned by Ron Belmont; Seconded by Alex Townsend; motion passed unanimously

III. President's Report

President Hegardt discussed the City Council Candidate Forum that was held at The Homestead by the DC Ranch Community Council, Chamber and Scottsdale Progress. It was a well-attended event, and it was a great opportunity to see all the candidates prior to voting in the primary election, as well as to showcase DC Ranch.

President Hegardt reviewed the topics discussed at the most recent Governance Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the following:

- dogs off leash.
- organized sports use of parks.
- emergency communication protocols.
- traffic signal at the intersection of Pima and Trailside View.
- Board Guidelines

VI. Staff Reports

Executive Director Jenna Kohl reviewed the items on the staff report, which is posted on the DC Ranch website. New team members were introduced: Event & Rental Specialist Nina Gertzman; and Community Center Receptionist April McCracken. Jenna also recognized recent anniversaries: Luis Ayala –3 years, Monika Truax - 7 years, Gina Richard - 1 year, Rafael Lopez - 3 years, and Alexandra Duemer - 4 years. Jenna announced Elizabeth Dankert recently graduated from Class 36 from the Scottsdale Leadership. Staff conducted onboarding and site review with new insurance Broker Brown and Brown. \$1m was transferred from operating to capital funds. She reviewed upcoming events and recapped numerous activities that took place. Other items reported were DC Ranch Gives, Resident Leadership Academy, Neighborhood Park Parties, Resident Demographic and Interest Survey, and Project Updates.

Financial Operations Director Dee Nortman reviewed the highlights of the Financial Report through June and the Quarterly Benefit Fee report.

VII. Old Business

Community Engagement Director Jona Davis gave a recap regarding consideration of transferring the Tour de Scottsdale: March of 2021 the Tour de Scottsdale was cancelled. In April of 2022 two letters of interest were received regarding acquisition of the Tour de Scottsdale event, from Matson Money and McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. Both entities gave two presentations to the Board of Directors at May's executive session and June's board work session. President Hegardt asked if there were any questions or comments. President Hegardt expressed her thoughts on the topic and noted that this is an exceedingly difficult decision to make. Both entities are more than capable of hosting this event and making it a success. The history and legacy are wrapped up with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy that it is hard to uncouple the two. Director Townsend agreed with President Hegardt with similar feelings regarding the intertwined nature of the event and the preserve. Treasurer Kepuraitis also commented that her feelings are consistent with the last two remarks. She noted the long-standing partnership and that our vision of DC Ranch includes environmental stewardship which is consistent with the McDowells. Director Belmont is in complete agreement with all. Two questions were asked. One, why did DC Ranch decide to give up the event? Initially it was due to Covid, but why did they decide not to pick it up again? Executive Director Kohl answered that due to decreased ridership, weather, and increased cost of producing the tour made it more and more challenging to hold the event. Director Davis is recommending that the Board consider the letters of interest and provide direction to staff on moving forward.

Motion: To accept the proposal from McDowell Sonoran Conservancy for the Tour de Scottsdale event and to provide staff authorization to negotiate the terms of the transfer of the event.

Motioned by Elizabeth Kepuraitis; Seconded by Alex Townsend; motion passed unanimously

Executive Director Kohl gave an update on the Desert Camp Site Improvement Project (DCSIP), showing a schematic of the overall site plan. Executive Director Kohl is asking for direction in three areas of the Desert Camp Site Improvement Project. Executive Director Kohl is recommending that the Board approve the latest design concept for the Desert Camp Site Improvement Project, authorize staff to proceed with gathering stakeholder input on design components as outlined in board packet, and to authorize staff to proceed with hosting an open house for residents on September 13, 2022. President Hegardt asked the Board if they have any questions or comments. Director Belmont commented that Architekton has done a great job laying out the space to be usable and it is going to be gorgeous. Director Townsend and Kepuraitis agreed with Director Belmont.

Motion: To approve the Desert Camp Site Improvement Project Concept Design for Building, authorize staff to proceed with fathering stakeholder input on design components, and authorize staff to proceed with hosting an open house for residents on September 13, 2022.

Motioned by Ron Belmont; Seconded by Alex Townsend; motion passed unanimously

VIII. New Business

Executive Director Kohl presented updates to Community Standards DCR 09 Motorized Vehicles and Drones. New language provides an exception to allow DC Ranch staff, security, and Country Club employees on the paths and trails with carts.

Executive Director Kohl presented updates to Community Standards DCRL 20 Turf, Artificial. Changes reflects maintenance requirements in response to ARS22-1819 which allows artificial turf to be installed, per reasonable rules, where natural grass would otherwise be permitted. The Covenant Commission recently adopted artificial turf design guidelines and now maintenance requirements are needed. The Ranch Association and Council collaborated on this amendment.

Motion: To approve the update to Community Standards DCR-09 Motorized Vehicles and Drones and DCRL 20 Turf, Artificial as presented

Motioned by Elizabeth Kepuraitis; Seconded by Alex Townsend; motion passed unanimously

IX. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Fuentes

These minutes attested by:

Elizabeth Kepuraitis

Community Council Board Secretary/Treasurer

September 22, 2022