

Friends of GTMNERR

Minutes of Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2004

Members present: Steve Harrison,
Kramer Upchurch,
Daryl LaBello
Barb Starck
Joe Hutnan
Pat Shouvin
Bill McQuilkin
Judy Sulser
Carl Hampp
Anita Pierce
Pierre Pierce
Bill Dudley

Staff Present:
Ken Berk
Janet Zimmerman

The January meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from December by Steve Harrison.

- Motion made by Pat Shouvin, seconded by Carl Hampp, motion passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Kramer Upchurch

- Money has been transferred into new accounts at Wachovia
 - Checking - \$13,741.75
 - Money Market - \$254,646.23
 - \$207 thousand earmarked for EEC building
- Money was raised by fundraising for EEC and events
- Ken discussed the funding needs and schedules for the EEC. Funds may be needed to front the fabrication and installation of exhibits.
- Contracts are being finalized for the day use - improvements, parking, paving, bathrooms, etc.
- The exhibits will be an additional \$400 thousand expense that currently is not covered as an enhancement to the base contract.
- Studies still need to be done to determine the type of dock and shoreline stabilization that needs to be built.

- Ken mentioned that the time is coming for the funds request to the state. Would like to request an engineering study on how to best protect the shell bluff and shoreline coquina wells which are eroding.
- B. Development – Carl Hampp
- Work on logos needed
 - Work on transformation to Friends of the Reserve
 - Newsletter
 - Not to recommend including us in the tri-market until the organization refocuses itself to be more environmental
 - Want board members to solicit new members and sign them up as donors
 - Priority is membership levels and member benefits
 - Joe initiated discussion about having all memberships renewable at the same time. Tabled to next month's meeting.
- C. Governance – no report
- D. Education – no report
- E. Stewardship – no report
- Ken is going through 95 applications for stewardship coordination and hopes to have someone in place by March.
- F. Volunteer Administration – Janet Zimmerman
- Janet and Barb are working on getting eTapestry and training set up.
 - People have been signing up to volunteer but are not sure what to volunteer for. Janet asked that we think about projects that need to be completed.
 - Would like to have a general membership meeting to make people feel involved.
 - Steve recommended a hard-hat party.
 - The Tourist and Development Council is offering grants for Superbowl time. Eco-tours can be included, grants can be up to \$50,000. Janet recommends that we apply to fund a Grand Opening Party for the EEC during the two weeks prior to Superbowl 2005.
 - CSO Financial Statement filing training is on February 7th.
 - February 10th 4:00 p.m. NOAA is coming to evaluate the management of the NERR and would like to speak to FOR. Coincides with regular monthly FOR board meeting. To be held at NERR offices.
 - Linda is going to be continuing the Birds, Botany, and Breakfast and has requested \$200 to fund that activity for the quarter.
 - Ken discussed maybe having some kind of quarterly slush fund that could be used to fund refreshments and activities.
 - Judy Selser motioned that we give the management \$400 to use as they see fit, Kramer seconded, motion carried by voice vote.
- G. New Business
- David Chinoy resigned as active board member but wants to stay as a volunteer.

- Janet read a letter about the Guana School site - January 15, 7:00 at Landrum, a meeting will be held with PTO and superintendent.
- Website account has been established and development is currently in progress. <http://gtmnerr.org/>

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.