Board of Directors

Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. Regular Meeting September 20, 2014



The Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. met in regular session on Saturday, September 20, 2014 in the Board Room, Fort Clark Springs, Kinney County, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Roby Roberson. Roll call established a quorum with the following directors present: Roby Roberson, Sandra Hagen, Myrna Cassel, and B.E. Sweet and Bill Herman. Also present Monique Jensen –Interim Operations Manager. Observers recorded in Board Minutes Binder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cassel moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2014. Herman 2nd the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT:

Director Hagen reported the BOD is working on a job posting for Director of Operations position. Oktoberfest is happening in October with a band coming and golf tournament with German food being served. There will be a district Cross Country meet scheduled in October to happen on the Fort. There will be a large corporate group coming in October to use facilities. FCSA is working with the Chamber of Commerce for a Goat Cook-Off. Seminole Days is currently going on right now. Director Roberson questioned about \$6000 stove that was rumored that the Fort purchase recently. Hagen stated that due to the current stove being too large for both the fryer and the stove to fit under the hood and the most recent fire marshall instructed the change to happen a new stove was purchased for \$3500 and old one was sold for \$1500.

COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION REPORTS: The following committees presented oral reports to the board: Architectural, Golf, Preservation, Community Council and Recycling.

<u>Architectural Committee:</u> Glenn White reported that 6 permits were submitted and 2 were tabled for lack of information but later approved. Mr. White stated that it is important for applicants to be at the meeting so when questions arise they are able answer then and there.

Golf Committee: Debbie Isaacs reported the committee did not have a quorum but they discussed the Happy Cervantes tournament with the tournament organizer. The committee had 2 work days with a total of 9 people who showed to work. The tournament was successful. Proceeds go back into the course. There are several tournaments coming in the future: Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hangover, etc.

<u>Preservation Committee</u>: Sandee Hagen reported for Garland Young. The committee has sought out bids for the Service Club and Seminole Hall. They plan to call a special meeting to award the contract. Prioritized future projects. Mr. Young is researching an individual on seeking grants.

<u>Community Council:</u> Allison Watkinson reported that Community Council has contacted the IRS on their 501(c)3 applications/forms for the original forms. They discussed continuing the 60/40 split in regards to Fort Clark Days with 60% to Restoration Committee and 40% going to Community Council to support Fort Clark Days. Norma Rollins has resigned as Chairperson due to Jodee Stevens' resignation. They are seeking a new Chairperson. The Ghostly Tour will happen again this year with more nights offered. There will be ads in the papers for further information. Next month's meeting will be the 1st Saturday in October because of the schedule conflict with Rio Grande Electric's meeting. Excited to announce the e-newsletter will be going out 2 times a month.

<u>Recycling Committee</u>: Judy Winchell reported a load went out last Monday. She stated that prices went up. Electronics are still being accepted for recycling (no household appliances) until Oct. 17. She reminded the audience that if they bring a printer to take out the ink cartridge.

RV Committee: No Report.

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<u>Discussion/Approval</u>: 2014-2015 Budget

Herman moved to discuss approve the 2014-2015 Budget. Hagen 2nd the motion. Discussion: Cassel wanted to make sure the membership understands the budget they are voting on is a bare bones budget meaning it is one that the Fort can function without all the extras. Cassel called the question to approve the budget. The budget passed unanimously.

Discussion: 2014-2015 Levy

Hagen moved to open the topic for discussion. Herman 2nd the motion. Herman stated that because of the deficit the Fort is in that we need to incur a levy. The last levy was not paid in full. Hagen reported from the last levy approximately \$23,000 did not get paid.

Discussion/Approval: Appointment of Interim Director

Hagen moved to appoint Monique Jensen and ReAnna Hay as Interim Operations Managers. Herman 2nd the motion. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Reading: Proposed Amended Election By-Laws

Prior to reading the By-Laws there was discussion regarding questions of the By-Laws and changes proposed. Cassel stated the proposed By-Laws being read would be without changes but that the 1st reading needed to happen because the Search & Certification Committee needed to be appointed in Sept. She also stated that Herman and Sweet needed to do the appointment since Hagen, Cassel, and Roberson may run again. (Appointment of committee did happen at this time and is under the next heading.) Hagen read the proposed Amended Election By-Laws.

<u>Discussion/Approval:</u> Appointment of Search & Certification Committee for 2015 Eelection There was a call for volunteers for people to sit on the committee. Five volunteers stepped forward: Debbie Isaacs, Dan Sullivan, Judy Winchell, John Rosettsky, Carolyn Oblak. Hagen moved to approve the committee of volunteers. Herman 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reading: Resolution to re-establish the Restoration & Preservation Committee

Hagen stated this is the 2nd reading. Hagen read the Resolution to re-establish the Historical Buildings Restoration and Repair Committee resolution #2014-01. Discussion: Roberson questioned who hold the checks for the account. It was stated that FCSA has all the bank account information and checks. Sweet asked how long the terms were and how many terms could be served. It was stated that a member could serve another term after a one year absence. Hagen moved to accept the 2nd reading of resolution 2014-01. Cassel 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Disussion: Re-Establish Recreation Committee

Hagen stated there is interest in re-establish potluck and other activities. The recreation committee would work in cooperation with David Box, Event Coordinator. Herman suggested to post the call for committee members in the next e-newsletter. Roberson suggested to have a sign up list at the office.

15-MINUTE MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Art Baker: Hire a manager who is a manager. Not someone who wants to be a manager. The Fort has gone downhill for 20 years for lack of a good manager. Hire a manager before the levy because you lose members every time dues are raised. Ken Spencer: Stated he has been a member for 20 years. Upset from the last meeting attended which was the annual meeting in which 2 directors refused to show up. Dan Laws: On behalf of the Kinney County Frontier Christmas Committee he is asking for a representative from the Fort to be on the Committee so that they can work together-specifically in regards to the light parade that starts at the swim park. Allison Watkinson: Commends the Restoration Committee; wants to make sure the Teen Center is open for aerobics. If changes to By-Laws for elections are not made prior to the November BOD meeting what happens? Response was that the BOD would pressure the lawyers so they would have everything in place prior to the November BOD meeting. John Rosettsky: Comments to people who think things have gone awry, in spite of current challenges we are moving forward.

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<u>Dan Sullivan:</u> In 2006 there was a resolution that granted unprecedented powers to the DO. This takes away power from the BOD. Rescind the resolution and back to original document.

Break: 10:30 Return: 10:44

Discussion of Posting Director of Operations Job:

Job posting needs to happen in local papers as well as big city papers and online. Posting should happen by October. A budget will be set as soon as we know cost.

Discussion of Memorandum of Agreement with Community Council and FCSA:

Please see attached: the following are notes/changes that need to be made to the agreement. David Box to work with FCD Committee. Emily Ford to possibly update website. Liability insurance for the bridge will be looked into by Allison Watkinson. Cassel moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement conditionally. Herman 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously

RECESS OPEN MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel discussion, Foreclosures). TIME: 11:40 PM

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – Oral Summary of discussion held: TIME: 1:37 PM Roberson stated the sale of property on the Fort and personnel issues were discussed.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TIME AND DATE: The next regular board meeting will be held on October 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:38 P.M.

Myrna Cassel, Secretary

M.E. (Roby) Roberson, President

Minutes submitted by: Monique Jensen