



PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Salmon Center

PNWSC Board Minutes
4:30 – 6:30 pm @ Pacific NW Salmon Center Office
January 14, 2009

Directors Present:

Fred Barrett Al Adams Paul Hirsch Sue Patnude
Neil Werner

Director Emeritus:

Bob Hager

Directors absent:

Mike Henderson John Burgess Jay Saucedo Leslie Krueger

Staff: Michelle Hori

Guests: None

Call Meeting to Order: Chair

The meeting was called to order by Fred Barrett at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: Secretary

The Secretary called the role. We do have a quorum.

Minutes Approval: Secretary

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of December 10th and December 16th special meeting. The motions passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: Staff

Tabled until next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Discussion items:

Property Update:

We closed on the property. Fred has been talking to local officials regarding the property and our next steps. We are not in need of any Commissioner level county permits at this time so we will table meeting with the Commissioners until we are ready to move forward with major construction and /or a special needs permit. After meeting with DOT we can meet with Commissioners and discuss State and County involvement with the property. Sue will monitor the WSDOT project permitting process as it relates to Ecology and the Corps. We will start talking to state legislators and continue to build support for the project beyond Mason County. Al would like to see us consult an attorney regarding potential land use issues and any permits required. Amy Kosterlitz is our best bet as she is familiar with the County's prior

decision to allow environmental education facilities on agricultural land. *Motion to consult with Amy Kosterlitz regarding land use on the new property. Approved Unanimously.*

Next steps: We don't need another consultant at this point but a contractor experienced in commercial code to get whatever required renovation done without spending extra funds. We also need to start the infrastructure design in preparation for partners coming on board and future expansion. To capitalize on any economic stimulus funding that may become available, we need to have "shovel ready" projects and infrastructure development is one place where this is possible. We need to get the engineering in place so we are ready to go to bid. We have A&E money from CTED Available for the process. **Motion to amend our existing agreement to give Bruce Dees & Associates the go ahead to start design process for infrastructure with a not to exceed of 30K on the condition that they work with other partners to ensure we conform with LEED requirements. Approved Unanimously.**

Public Partnerships and Outreach

Olympic College is interested in meetings to discuss the facility and their involvement. Fred is meeting with Gary Yazwa of Boys and Girls Clubs next week. He has been told that BGC West Sound is interested in partnering regardless of BGC South Sound involvement. NMSD can be a 3rd partner. Maybe NMSD can reach out to County Commissioners and discuss their support of the project and need of the facility. We will try to bring as many of our partners together as possible at the After Hours event on February 12th and have visuals addressing the structure of our partnerships.

When discussing the center we should be consistent in what we are calling it. For simplicity we should use the language provided in the land use code amendment to describe the center i.e. "educational learning center."

We should familiarize ourselves with Critical Area Ordinance and Shoreline Master Plan and the current legal issues associated with them. Paul will research and get back to us.

Strategic Partners – let's move forward with plan to bring them together. Sue will coordinate this effort.

We should consider going to a WDFW Commission meeting to announce the acquisition and talk about the project.

Upcoming Events

Chamber Luncheon – Wednesday January 28th, 11:30 to 1pm at Theler. Fred will be the speaker on behalf of the Salmon Center.

Chamber "After Hours" – Thursday February 12th 5-8pm at the Property. We will provide lots of visuals. Selah Inn will be doing the catering free of charge (less food expense) and Fred will approach McGavick/Bill Brosch regarding a wine donation. He will also approach local businesses for donations. i.e. McClendons, Olympia Federal.

New Board Members

Larry Peck – ex assistant director of WDFW is excited about coming onto the Board. Staff will prepare some information for him. Bill Portuese will be approached by Newil to consider a position now that we have the property and our momentum is growing. Rich Lincoln at Wild

Salmon Center is another possible person to contact? We will also be contacting Kim McNamara of Olympic College.

Approval Items:

None

Fundraising Committee:

Neil and Fred will be meeting with Alliance for Cooperative Innovation next Wednesday, January 18th. They want to see shovel ready projects also. Projects should be related to infrastructure, energy and environmental issues in rural areas. ACI would write grants and obtain funding for projects and take their cut. Fred is starting up a WA chapter.

Fred will also discuss fundraising strategies at his meeting with Gary Yazwa and will report back to the Board.

Sara Crumb is setting up meetings with USDA and USFWS to discuss funding as well. We are set to meet with WSDOT on February 19th to discuss their final decision on stormwater and whether or not they would like to use SC property.

Communications:

Next meeting in Feb will be at 5pm.

WSHF

We need to be thinking about a replacement for Jeff Koenings on the Final Selection Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Submitted by Michelle Hori
For Paul Hirsch, Secretary