

DONNER SUMMIT AREA ASSOCIATION
Board Working Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 3, 2007 – Village Hall at Sugarbowl

(Next meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2007, 6:00pm at Ron Kolbe's house)

Attending: President Pat Malberg, Vice-President Mickey Gray, Secretary Sara Taillon; Board Members Starr Walton Hurley, Ron Kolbe, Jim Thomson, Dan Wexler, Kathryn Gray, Tamara Lieberman, Ron Kolbe, John Kirrene
Guests: Peter VanZant, Heidi Kolbe, Bill Davis, Susan Snider (SYRCL)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 14:47.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Dan motioned that we approve the September minutes as written. Carrie seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Alisha was not at the meeting. Ron reported in her absence. **Dan will pick up the check for our grant from the TTCF (Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation) this week.** Without that check we do not have enough funds to do things like buy our insurance policy. Ron reported that **we still have to file for our non-profit tax exempt status with the State of California.** We already have received our non-profit status from the Federal Government. Ron has not quite completed the transfer of treasurer duties to Alisha. He still has to write a few checks and will then **Ron will transfer signature authority to Alisha.**

Committee Reports:

- Kathryn requested to be on the education and communication committees.
- Economic Development: Ron has started compiling a list of local businesses.
- IT: Sara put a calendar on the website. The calendar will be used for both for DSAA events and for community events.
- Organization Coordination: Jim has checked the agendas for both county board of supervisors meetings. Two items of note from the Nevada County Board of Supervisors November 6 meeting, both related to fire prevention:
 - Resolution authorizing execution of contract with the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County pertaining to Defensible Space Fuels Reduction Program for the residents of Nevada County, in the amount of \$20,000, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. (Forest Reserve (Title III) project for Fiscal Year 2007/08)
 - Resolution authorizing execution of contract with the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County to provide Administrative Staff support to ensure continuation of the Fire Safe Council's services to the residents of Nevada County, in the maximum amount of \$75,000, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. (Forest Reserve (Title III) Project for FY 2007/08)
- Fundraising (Carrie): Carrie suggested that we remind the community how expensive DSAA efforts are, especially this survey. Carrie offered to man a donation box at future meetings. Tam suggested that we follow-up with these meetings by sending brochures

to meeting attendees. **Tam will send a letter to all of today's meeting attendees who are not already DSAA members. Sara will provide Tam with a list of those people.**

Continuing Business:

- Insurance: Dan checked with the organization that Pat suggested at the last meeting and their quote was very similar to quotes we had already received. **Dan and Pat will buy the insurance policy this week.**
- Report on Events: Peter attended the Sierra Business Council fundraiser. Peter reported that this was the best, most energetic SBC meeting he has attended in a while.
- Coalition Teleconference: There have been two coalition teleconference calls since our last meeting. The last one was under attended with about five people on the call. Linda Waddle, who has been monitoring the wells was not in attendance. There was a little discussion about the next Summit Summit. Generally coalition members are waiting for the Royal Gorge project application to the county. Dan reported that Royal Gorge plans to submit another pre-application to Placer County right after Thanksgiving.
- Sierra Lakes County Water District Board Meeting: At the last water district meeting, Mike Livac announced that Royal Gorge was not planning to present their water plan to the water district before presenting it to the county. The water district expected to have the Royal Gorge plan submitted to the Sierra Lakes County Water District before it was submitted to the county, as the studies were performed under the auspices of the water district. Royal Gorge will have to provide water for 100% occupancy for their project. The water district must provide a "Will Serve" certification, saying they can provide water for the project in order for the project to be approved by the county.
- Meeting with Nevada County Planning Department: Pat met with Nevada County Planning Department. Pat asked the county about the Summit Valley proposed development. According to the county, the Summit Valley plan should be folded into the Placer County development proposal. Placer County will be the lead agency for the entire project as a whole Nevada County will act as a responsible agency, requiring reviews and mitigations for roads, traffic and other Department of Public Works issues. Pat also asked about past development proposals on Donner Summit. There was a very old proposal for Martis Valley which could not be found. The new Interim Planning Director for Nevada County is Jan Christofferson and the new planning department staff person assigned to the Foster/Syme project is Stephanie Wagner. Pat and the county representative also talked about "Area Plans", the counterpart to Placer County's Community Plans. There is a lot of support from the county for a comprehensive area plan to coordinate county services. Peter reported that Nevada County's Area Plans are minimal while Placer County Community Plans are much more detailed and as such have a stronger legal weight. Placer County Area Plans are also much more expensive, because an EIR is required. Funds for Community Plans must be provided from the County budget, currently under discussion. **We need to contact Placer County now to ask that money be budgeted for a Donner Summit Community Plan. Dan suggested that we send a copy of the survey results to both counties. Pat suggested that we follow that with a meeting about an Area/Community Plan. Dr. Caine from Godbe Research will put together a cover letter that she suggested be personally delivered to the counties.**
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy Climate Change Seminar: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is planning a seminar on climate change at the Miner's Foundry in Nevada City on December 5.

New Business:

- **Survey Follow-Up:** . **We need to finalize the naming for area breakdowns so Godbe can finalize their report.** Dan suggested the following names:
 - Serene Lakes
 - Soda Springs
 - Donner Ski Ranch and Sugarbowl
 - Hampshire Rocks, Cisco Grove, Kingvale, Big Bend
 - Palisades Lake, Towle Mt. Estates
- **Summit Summit, the sequel:**
 - **Agenda:** Pat circulated a proposed agenda for the next Summit Summit. The overall purpose is to develop a draft of Guiding Planning Principles as the next step in developing an Area Plan. Once we have a draft of the Guiding Principles, we want all local area groups to agree to and sign-off on them. The results of the survey will drive the discussion to write Guiding Principles. (The survey itself was written based on the outcome of the last Summit Summit.) **Peter will get some examples of Guiding Principles from Terry Watt.** Pat suggested that we post the Ahwahnee Principles and other example Guiding Principles to the website. Bill suggested that we develop specific questions to guide writing the guiding principles. Kathryn expressed concern that writing questions leads the discussion too much. Tam emphasized that the most important thing is that we reach consensus with the Guiding Principles and that nobody who attends the Summit Summit feels their views are not represented. **Bill and Heidi will develop a list of questions for the Summit Summit.** Peter suggested that we include Terry Watt in the process. Heidi suggested that each board member facilitate discussion of a different principle using some examples. Peter suggested we use the CEQA topics to drive the areas of focus for the Guiding Principles we discuss. **Anyone interested in writing the questions will meet on November 16 from 8:30 – 9:30 am in Auburn.** Heidi and Bill will draft a set of questions ahead of time. We will devote the entire Board Meeting on December 6 to preparing for the Summit Summit.
 - **Logistics:** We are confirmed for Donner Trail School on December 15 from 10am - noon. We will have insurance for the meeting. Carrie will plow the parking lot if necessary. We need to send letters and make phone calls to all various HOAs and area groups. **Carrie will contact Big Bend. Starr will contact the Cedars. Jim will review and update list of all the various area groups. Dan will send a preliminary email. Sara will post an announcement to the website. Pat will contact the Nevada and Placer County Planning Departments. Sara will organize the fliers. Tam will contact the Sierra Sun. Tam will generate a list of local area non-profits so we can invite them.**

NEXT DSAA MEETINGS:

The next quarter's Board meetings will be held as follows:

- Thursday, December 6, 6:00pm at Ron Kolbe's house (potluck)
- Summit Summit, Saturday, December 15 at Donner Trail School
- Thursday, January 10, 6:00pm at Tamara Lieberman's house

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 16:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Taillon, Secretary