

DONNER SUMMIT AREA ASSOCIATION
Board Working Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 10, 2008 – Lieberman house

(Next meeting: Monday, February 11, 2008 at 6:00pm at Carrie Hoyt's house (if it's snowing it will be at Tam Lieberman's house))

Attending:

Board:

Pat Malberg, President
Mickey Gray, Vice-President
Sara Taillon, Secretary
Jim Thomson

Tamara Lieberman
Carrie Hoyt
Kathryn Gray
John Kirrene

Guests: Ted Owens, Nevada County Supervisor; Don Malberg; Mike Livak; Nancy Latimer; Joe Gray

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 18:37 PST

1) Special Guest, Ted Owens:

- a) Royal Gorge Development: According to the code of ethics, supervisors legally cannot get involved in a development project before the project officially comes before the Board of Supervisors. He has been watching the RG development issue from afar. He thinks the DSAA has done a commendable job in trying to bring people together on the issue, which he sees as more productive than a combative approach. Supervisor Owens sees that our collaborative approach should give our group longevity. Placer County is the lead agency on this project, not Nevada County. He's concerned that the Nevada County side will bear the weight of impacts without seeing much of the mitigation funds. Supervisor Owens is also on the Nevada County LAFCO. He talked with members of the Placer County LAFCO to discuss jurisdiction on this issue. He had a similar conversation with the Placer County Planning Department. Both counties are working on writing a MOU so that both counties can work closely together, recognizing that Placer County is the lead agency.
- b) Community Visioning Process: Pat asked how we could create a community vision that would be adopted by both counties, irrespective of the RG plan. Ted said that these types of community plans are generally done at the same time as General Plan updates. Updating the General Plan is very expensive, on the order of a million dollars or more. Nevada County is putting money aside to update the Nevada County General Plan sometime in the next 4-5 years. The difficulty in our situation is figuring out how the schedule of one county's General Plan update dovetails with the other county. Our efforts at creating a Community Plan are still very important. Our visioning document will permanently be on file with the county as a credible reflection of what the community wants. In Supervisor Owens' experience, developers pay attention to these types of Community Plans as a reflection of the community's desires. Pat asked how we could get both counties to drive a community planning process for our area and if it would help if we could get funds from outside of County. Supervisor Owens said outside funding would help a lot. He also told us that for a Community Plan to be adopted as a legal Community Plan document by the County, the entire process has to be driven by the county. Supervisor Owens again underscored the value that the process that we've undergone so far is still extremely valuable, even though it cannot be adopted as an official Community Plan with the county.

2) Monthly Business:

- a) Public Comments:
 - i) SLPOA flyer: Carrie brought up the flier that was handed out at the SLPOA demonstration at Royal Gorge that says DSAA is “dedicated to challenging the proposed [Royal Gorge] development”. We were never consulted about being included in this statement. Joe will bring up the fact that SLPOA needs to be careful about who is included on fliers at the upcoming SLPOA board meeting. Tam motioned that we also send a letter to SLPOA saying that SLPOA cannot use our name in statements without our approval. Carrie seconded the motion. Katie abstained from the vote and all others approved the motion.
 - ii) Town of Soda Springs: John mentioned that local residents suggested that we incorporate as the Town of Soda Springs.
- b) Approval of Agenda: Sara motioned to approve the agenda and Katie seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- c) Approval of Minutes: Katie motioned to approve the minutes and John seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- d) Treasurer’s Report:
 - o Membership and Donations: We received \$352 in membership fees and donations in December.
 - o Grants: We received \$500 from TTCF for unrestricted DSAA use.
 - o Financial Reports: Alicia generated financial reports including P&L statements and balance sheets. **Review the financial reports and let Alisha know if these statements provide the information we need.**
 - o Tax Filing: **Ron is filing for our state tax exempt status. Pat will contact Ron to find out the status of that filing.**
- e) Correspondence:
 - Christmas Cards: We received Christmas cards from Godbe Research and Kleinschmidt.
 - Fran Freedle asked DSAA to support the SLDSCA in applying for a grant to perform water studies in our area. Katie moved that we support SLDSCA in the grant application; Mickey seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.
- f) Committee Reports:
 - Committee Reporting: **Pat asked that committee heads write a report of any committee meetings.**
 - o Fundraising and Membership: The Fundraising Committee met last night to come up with a mission, plan and budget for 2008. The committee will meet again on January 23, 2008 at 6:00pm at Carrie Hoyt’s house.
 - o Mission: The Fundraising Committee is drafting a mission statement for itself.
 - o Plan:
 - Annual Event: Our annual event will be an annual 4th of July picnic similar to what the DSFD used to put on. We would like to hold it at the picnic grounds behind DSL and have food, music, games and emergency vehicles. The cost of the event will not be included in the general budget because the cost of the event will be deducted from the event proceeds. **This year’s picnic will be held on July 5, 2008.**
 - Annual Giving Drive: We will contact all 1500 addresses and ask for a donation in an amount larger than the normal membership fees. We will include a brochure, donation card and return enveloped (postage not prepaid).
 - Membership reminders: We will send out quarterly reminders to expiring members to ask them to renew.
 - Grants: We suggest that we apply for the Rotary Foundation Grant to generate funds to provide Board training. Katie motioned that we apply for the Rotary grant. Mickey seconded it and passed unanimously.

- Budget: TOTAL = \$1500 - \$1700
 - 5000 brochures: \$550
 - 1500 mailings:
 - letter printing: \$100
 - donation cards and envelope printing: \$285 for 2000
 - postage: \$700
 - membership mailings, printing and postage: \$200
- Economic Development: No report.
- Communication: No report.
- Education and Community Building: Dan was not present. **The next seminar is on Fire Safety. Carrie will call Dan to ask about it.**
- Community Visioning:
 - Summit Summit Follow-Up: The next step of the visioning process is to bring the results of the last Summit Summit to the individual area groups. Katie brought up citizens' concerns that we did not adequately address global warming at Summit Summit. There are likely other holes that need to be addressed in the review process. **The Community Visioning Committee will suggest a process for formalizing the Guiding Principles developed at the Summit Summit in such a way that we don't lose the individual voices but that the Guiding Principles are succinct.** John expressed concerns that we need to include as many people as possible in this visioning process. We discussed possibly ways to include more people in the process and decided that physical mail is the best approach. We discussed how we might improve our mailing list. Carrie said that title searches are not as simple as we originally thought, since some of the area properties are listed in Truckee, not Soda Springs. TTCF funds might be used for this type of community outreach.
- Information Technology:
 - 2008 proposed projects:
 - Membership database as true SQL database instead of spreadsheet
 - Automation of email distribution lists
 - Generate automated renewal notices
 - Pay-pal membership on-line which automatically updates membership database
 - Estimated Budget: \$750 - \$1000 depending on who does the work. Jack Schartz originally offered to do the work, but he is moving to Europe in March. Sara contacted him to find out if he can still do at least some of the proposed work and is awaiting a response.
- Organization Coordination:
 - **Committee heads must send budget estimates to Alisha right away.**
 - **A special SLCWD meeting is this Friday, January 11 at 5:00pm at the Water District (Short Street, Serene Lakes) at which Royal Gorge will present their water plan.**
 - **The normal SLCWD meeting is on Saturday, January 12 at 10:00am at the water district.**
 - **SLPOA board meeting is Saturday, January 12 at 4:00pm at the water district.**
- Infrastructure: No report.

3) Continuing Business:

- a) Insurance: Dan was not in attendance, so there was no report. **Carrie will call Dan to find out the status of DSAA insurance.**

4) New Business:

- a) Follow-Up to Summit Summit II: (See above Community Visioning Committee report for some of the discussion). Pat asked if we feel we need to have a follow-up to the growth and

development discussion. We agreed that we'd like to review the official notes from the first discussion and re-visit this topic at that point. That would also be a good time to close any holes such as with global warming.

- b) Reciprocal Membership in Sierra Business Council: SBC proposed a reciprocal membership so that SBC would join DSAA and we would join SBC without membership dues. There was enough concern about what this proposal would mean that we tabled the issue.

5) **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 PST.

NEXT DSAA MEETINGS:

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Respectfully submitted,

Sara Taillon, Secretary