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SCA Board of Directors

Minutes

February 17, 2016 10:00 AM

City of Auburn

25 West Main St, Auburn WA 98001

1. Call to order

Nancy Backus, SCA president called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

Members Present: Bill Allison, David Baker, Jim Ferrell, Leanne Guier, Will Ibershof, Matt Larson, Hank Margeson, Marlla Mhoon, Dana Ralph, Catherine Stanford

Members Absent: Bob Harrison, Amy Walen

Staff Present: Deanna Dawson

Other: Dana Hinman, City of Auburn

2. Public comment

There was no public comment

3. Consent agenda

Bill Allison moved, seconded by Will Ibershof, to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- Minutes of January 29, 2016 Board of Directors meeting
- Financial report and Board Designated Reserves

The motion passed unanimously.

4. President's report

Nancy Backus provided the President's report. Topics included retreat comments; appreciation for more female representation on the board of directors; upcoming mentoring program; update on Auburn City Councilmember John Holman on the passing of son

5. Executive Director's report

Deanna Dawson echoed the value of the mentorship program and encouraged participating and stated she received very positive feedback.

Dawson suggested that the topic for the March 30 networking dinner be a legislative update and will be in Kenmore and expressed an interest in inviting Snohomish County Cities and Towns since they will be in Kenmore.

Dawson informed the board that Board Members Baker, Mhoon and herself had their regular meeting with King County Executive Dow Constantine on February 10. Topics discussed were 2016 meeting planning; SCA 2016 Board retreat and priorities; SCA Networking Dinner Presentation topics; Legislative Issues and 2017-18 Budget process and SCA input. She informed the board that if members had topics they would like discussed in these meetings to let her know.

6. Discussion of SCA Bylaws, Board Policies and Procedures

Deanna encouraged the board to review the bylaws and suggest changes if needed.

Catherine Stanford thanked Deanna for the information and felt it important that others know they can participate in other committee meetings. Backus agreed and mentioned it's a good trust building exercise. Matt Larson indicated that all the different committees can be confusing and that staying on top of them is challenging.

Deanna asked for input on how future meetings should be structured. Board members asked President Backus how she wants the meetings to run. She stated that some informality would be fine as long as group stays on task. Baker agreed.

Deanna reviewed a typical agenda order and items and asked for comments on suggested agenda items for future meetings.

7. Finance Committee

Deanna stated that Will Ibershof, Amy Walen, Leanne Guier, Bob Harrison and Hank Margeson had volunteered to serve on the Finance committee.

Catherine Stanford moved to accept Will Ibershof, Amy Walen, Leanne Guier, Bob Harrison and Hank Margeson for Finance Committee and Bill Allison seconded.

Motion was unanimously approved.

8. PIC report

PIC Chair Marla Mhoon reported that the last meeting had 33 people in attendance; Mhoon stated that pre-PIC the meeting was well run and well attended (38 attendees); overall there are 14 new people at the table. Margeson noted that the PIC training was very well done.

Backus asked Mhoon what her goals are for PIC goals and what challenges does she see. Mhoon stated her goal is to be the most informed and up to date, this is also a challenge. Backus asked what other board members could do to help Mhoon.

Margeson suggested more experienced board members reach out to the newer members. Also noted that carpools to allow for more networking and discussion within the group. Ibershof echoed getting to know the other members via carpools, dinners or other networking opportunities are valuable; Dawson

stated that better networking and communication is always helpful to move policy and discouraged membership from having side conversations at PIC meetings due to the distraction of others and staff.

Mhoon noted that members get at least a month or prep time for action items. Members need to come to meetings prepared to act.

Group discussed what an abstaining vote would mean (affirmative or negative). Deanna reminded members that abstaining votes count towards the negative as noted in the adopted bylaws.

9. Discussion Items

A. April Board Meeting update:

Dawson recommended changing date to April 27 at 10:30 AM in Federal Way (Executive committee will not meet) due to members' unavailability on April 20.

Will Ibershof moved to change the date of the April meeting to April 27 and Marlla Mhoon seconded.

Motion was unanimously approved.

B. SCA Retreat follow up:

Deanna asked membership about the 5 year headlines that were crafted at the retreat and asked members to finalize the wording.

Ibershof mentioned that the retreat was valuable and allowed him to see regional issues better. Stanford encouraged more conversations around economic development.

Backus agreed to get list of committee assignments to membership next meeting so it can be understood the other work being done to prevent overlaps or accidentally creating conflicting objectives.

C. Legislative Update:

Dawson referred members to read information in packet and asked for feedback.

D. Sexual assault awareness month:

Dawson encouraged members let SCA know if interested in participating, and encouraged all to participate.

10. RPC referrals:

Dawson briefed board members regarding the role of RPC with Best Starts for Kids (BSK) Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) levies.

Margeson urged that RPC process for MIDD not be modified. He noted that on the BSK levy following the mandatory referral process may not be possible, but expressed frustration that this was not built into the timeline. SCA should not be blamed for delaying the process and dollars hitting the streets.

Members concurred with Margeson's comments. They suggested speaking with their County Councilmembers regarding concerns with the process.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:08 PM