

RAP
FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPROVED MINUTES
9:00 AM July 26, 2017

41550 Eclectic Street Palm Desert, CA 92260 303 Singapore Court Douglas, MI 49406

- I. CALL TO ORDER- Roll Call at 9:00 AM. In attendance: M. Moran, A. Dew, A. Meza- Dawe, C. Borba, J. Pye, J. Hayes, L. Parrish, M. Gialdini joined at 9:30 AM, R. Loretta, R. Ortega, T. StJohns, T. Gehrlein, B. Kroonen, A. Zavala and Supervisor Perez. Quorum established. Votes as of 9:30 AM were conducted by roll-call,**

Excused: A. Amaya, B. Gonzalez, C. Galvez, V. Tanner.

Unexcused: R. Gutierrez

- II. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None**

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS**

No public.

Joslyn Senior Center – experience with Center for Nonprofit Advancement - Aurora Wilson, Board Chair, made a presentation about the positive experience the Joslyn Center has had utilizing CNA’s services. Also, the success they had with hiring a new Executive Director, Jack Newby.

- IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Action Required**

Staff Recommendation: Approve the June 28, 2017 Minutes. Receive and file the Grant, CNA, CEO Reports and Financials as submitted.

Motion: J. Hayes to approve items B, C, & E Second: C. Borba Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstention

Name(s): 0

Motion: J. Pye to approve item A and C. Second: A. Meza- Dawe Approved: 11 Opposed: 0

Abstention: A. Dew, R. Ortega, T. Gehrlein.

- A. MEETINGS MINUTES of June 28, 2017 Board meeting (attach. #1)**
- B. GRANT/ PROGRAM OFFICER REPORT (attach. #2) – Receive and File.**
- C. CENTER FOR NONPROFIT (CNA) Report (attach. #3) - Receive and File.**
- D. CEO’s REPORT (attach. #4) – Receive and File.**
- E. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Receive and File Draft Financials up to June 30, 2017 (attach. #5)**

- V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action Required**

- A. Review and Approve the 2017-2018 Budget**

The Finance Committee met on July 18 to review the RAP budget. Board Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair Jan Pye will provide comments and address questions before recommending adoption.

Finance Committee Recommendation: That the Board adopt the 2016-17 Budget (attach. #6) and forward to the Riverside County Executive Office.

Motion: Supervisor Perez to accept the Finance Committee Recommendation. Second: A. Dew

Approved: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

- B. New Funding Requests- Action Required**

Review of Annual Allocations and current budget. – Stuart McClain

There are no RFP Grants, Performance, or Small Grant requests this month.

1. Sponsorship Requests – Action Required

a. United Way of the Desert (UWD) – Requested \$5,000 (attach. #7)

The Nine Weekly Walks and Workplace Wellness Program is a free community health program designed to encourage health habits and lifestyles for families and residents of the Coachella Valley. The nine weekly walks start August 26 through Oct. 21 and the final event is the Tram Road Challenge taking place on Oct. 28.

The Grants Committee was scheduled to meet on July 17. However, due to a lack of quorum, they were not able to convene the meeting. The two participants, C. Borba and R. Ortega interviewed the applicant and addressed questions.

Grants Committee Recommendation: Due to a lack of quorum, no formal recommendation is possible. C. Borba and R. Ortega would like the Board to consider approving \$2750 and will address questions.

*Motion: J. Hayes to approve \$2750 to UWD. Second: B. Kroonen Approved: 14
Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0
T. Gehrlein recused herself at the onset of discussion and left the room.*

b. Los Medicos Voladores aka Flying Doctors - \$5,000 (attach. #8)

The one day event will take place on Saturday Sept. 16 at Desert Mirage High School. Healthcare services, including medical, dental, vision and enrollment in health insurance will be available. Also, there will be resources available so participants can access information about housing, food and other social services.

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*Motion: T. Gehrlein to approve \$5,000 Second: R. Loretta Approved: 15 Opposed: 0
Abstention Name(s): 0 A. Dew requested that staff communicate to organizers that the meal should be healthy.*

C. CENTER FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT (CNA) NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

1. Review and consider providing a letter of support for the Johnson Amendment (Attachment #9)

“The Johnson Amendment is a provision in the U.S. tax code, since 1954, that prohibits all 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates. Section 501(c)(3) organizations are the most common type of nonprofit organization in the United States, ranging from charitable foundations to universities and churches.

The Trump Administration is seeking to repeal the provision, arguing that it restricts the free speech rights of churches and other religious groups. These efforts have been criticized because churches

have fewer reporting requirements than other non-profit organizations, and because it would effectively make political contributions tax-deductible.”

The Executive Committee met on July 18 and discussed if RAP should take a position on The Johnson Amendment. The decision was to recommend to the full board to send a letter of support of the Johnson Amendment to our Federal elected officials.

Motion: J. Pye that the Board send a letter of support of the Johnson Amendment. Second: R. Ortega Approved: 11 Opposed: B. Kroonen Abstention Name(s): A. Dew, R. Loretta, T. Gehrlein.

R. Ortega left at 9:50 AM.

D. FACILITIES COMMITTEE - UPDATE ON BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS – Action may be needed

1. The Facilities Committee will provide a brief update.
2. Budget Review for tenant improvements
3. Scheduling the Official Ribbon Cutting event - Possible date is October 19

Staff will look for an alternative date, possibly the week of Oct. 23. Staff will take a poll of board member’s availability.

E. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Review of meeting on July 18–Action may be required

1. The Executive Committee met on July 18 to hear a presentation from Herb Shultz, CEO of the Desert Healthcare District (DHCD). The presentation focused on the DHCD’s establishment of a collective fund to address homelessness issues in the western Coachella Valley. The DHCD has invested \$2M to support homelessness programs and infrastructure. They will be retaining a consultant with expertise in homelessness to create a strategic action plan to “serve as a blueprint for improving and meeting the needs of the homelessness.” Mr. Shultz requested to make this presentation with the hope of initiating the conversation with RAP to possibly align our strategies. This is a first step and future dialogue is anticipated.

The Executive Committee appreciated the presentation and will invite Mr. Shultz to a future meeting once the DHCD Board decides on strategy and has a better defined plan for the purpose, structure and administration of the collective fund. The Executive Committee will determine the appropriate time to request a presentation to the full Board.

A. Dew stated that not only nonprofits should be involved, but rather a broad spectrum of groups to reflect different ideas/perspectives.

B.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS– No Action

- A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Met on July 18, Next meeting TBD.
- B. NOMINATION COMMITTEE- Will meet in the Fall 2017.
- C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE- Will meet next on July 27 at 3:00 PM
- D. GRANTS COMMITTEE- Met on July 17. Next meeting Sept. 14 at 2:00 PM.
- E. POLICIES PROCEDURES/PROCESS & BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Will meet in early Sept.

F. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

There were some comments shared by a couple of board members that they want to ensure that CNA’s evolution is in alignment with RAP’s focus in Health, Mental Health and Juvenile Intervention. J. Epps/CNA Committee will review CNA’s mission and will share with the Executive Committee for discussion before presenting it to the full board.

Nonprofit Conference date is Sept. 28 at the Doubletree Resort in Cathedral City 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Please RSVP for the conference and Desert Fast Pitch

- V. *ADJOURNMENT:* The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on September 27, 2017 at 41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert.

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