

Minutes of the HICA Special Board of Trustees Meeting on 9/15/2020

Darla Younce, Board President, called the video conferenced meeting to order at 6:33 PM PST. Present were Erik Smith, Vice President, Kurt Kassahn, Treasurer, Scott Holte, Secretary, and Trustees Paula Bafaro, Udo Gerz, and Kevin Smith (Secretary pro tem). Also present was Kim Gleason, Island Manager.

Darla requested that Scott Holte serve as meeting Chairperson because Erik was traveling and he did not know if he would have adequate internet access. There was discussion between Erik, Darla, and Scott regarding why Erik, as Vice President, would not Chair the meeting, as defined in Bylaws.

A brief discussion ensued regarding a potential greenhouse and the need for approval from the ACC, but it was agreed that the Board would discuss this topic in Executive Session.

Darla asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal issues and to return to open session at 7:30 P.M. to entertain motions by the Board, if any, and to announce actions taken. Udo so moved and Kurt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM PST.

Scott Holte acting on behalf of Darla reconvened the Special Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:35 PM PST. All other Board members were present.

Darla moved to approve the proposed greenhouse pending approval from the ACC and Paula seconded the motion. A brief discussion ensued with Erik noting that this proposal challenges previous guidelines discussed at the 8/15/20 Regular Board Meeting for approval/denial of various HICA activities in the COVID environment as well as the policies of Governor Inslee. Erik quoted from the meeting Minutes where it was suggested that “when a proposed activity involves Association property, facilities, or staff, if the activity, regardless of precautions and/or numbers of people, is outside the Governor’s Guidelines, then the answer is no.” Erik’s opinion was that the greenhouse is on Association property and falls within the COVID policy that was discussed. Furthermore, he noted that the Board decided against opening the Library, even though only one person would be allowed at a time and other safety provisions would be taken.

Others noted that there will be strict policies in place with no more than one person in the greenhouse at a time, masks, sanitizer, sign-in sheets, etc. NOTE: the greenhouse is NOT open to the public like the library would be. The Garden Committee was praised for its efforts. Kevin offered that we may need to re-visit our COVID related policies periodically in the future to assure that they remain current as things change.

There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried 5-2 to approve the greenhouse with strict COVID precautions in place. Erik and Scott voted 'no' for at least the reasons indicated by Erik.

There being no further matters before the Board, Scott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darla so moved and Kurt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Smith Secretary pro tem.

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim report but do contain all actions taken