

The following is a condensed version of the TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS special meeting held Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Community Room, 10356 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, California at 2:00 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 2:04 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President John B. Jones Jr.
Vice-President Lisa Wallace
Director Mary Hetherington
Director James W. Morrison
Director Tom Van Berkem

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Kevin Smith, General Manager
Mr. Phred Stoner, Director of Operations & Maintenance
Ms. Sally Lyon, Director of Finance and Administration
Mr. Hardy Bullock, Director of Aviation and Community Services
Mr. Brent Collinson, District Legal Counsel
Ms. Lauren Tapia, Administrative Clerk

VISITORS PRESENT: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS: Mr. Kevin Smith stated that there was an article written about the community pool in Moonshine Ink. Mr. Smith stated that he forwarded the article to everyone via email. Director Mary Hetherington inquired about Tahoe Forest Hospital District's possible funding amount. President John Jones indicated that the Hospital District deferred their decision until next month. Director Jim Morrison expressed that the Airport District should be aware that there some members of the general public that are against the construction of the community pool. While a legal review has been completed, President Jones suggested that District Counsel Brent Collinson provide some talking points and a legal summary of previous opinions regarding the District making the donation commitment towards the community pool. Director Hetherington also requested more information about delineating the history of the voting that occurred on the Community Pool (i.e.: the number of times it was voted on, percentage needed to pass, percentage received, etc.).

OVERVIEW OF AGENDA

A summary of this meeting from Freshtracks Communications has been attached to these minutes.

Ms. Seana Doherty, with Freshtracks Communications, stated that the reason the Board is conducting these special workshops is for them to discuss certain topics at a deeper level than what can be accomplished during a regular Board meeting. The topics "Managed Growth" and "What is 'Community'" will be discussed at today's meeting. Ms. Doherty expressed that in order to work as a team, the team needs to know each other better. Ms. Doherty then conducted an ice breaker activity with Board members and District staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

DEFINING COMMUNITY

Ms. Doherty reminded the Board members that they cannot tackle Managed Growth without the definition of what "community" is. The group then reviewed the notes from the February 12, 2015 Special workshop.

Mr. Smith stated that in the first section of the strategic plan, the definition of “community” is stated. Mr. Smith stated that the end results of the community discussion should be placed in the Strategic Plan, as it will aid Board and staff in decision makings.

Ms. Doherty presented an infographic to help the group visually see what the District’s community consists of. Ms. Doherty stated that the statistics were pulled from the census, except for pilot information. Several suggestions were made by the Directors regarding the information on the infographic, i.e.: show District boundary within the context of the Tahoe region, softening the graphic delivery, add more subsets of data, commercial business data, national aviation community data, and future generation data.

There was substantial discussion respective to “what is the community.” This discussion centered on taxpayers, primary homeowners, second homeowners, residents, future generations of residents, and the lost sense of community (a community made up of just second homeowners and service workers). Please review the attached meeting summary report for details.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MANAGED GROWTH

Ms. Doherty reviewed what was discussed at the February 12, 2015 special workshop regarding “Managed Growth”. Ms. Doherty stated that the District has many documents on managed growth, but that they are not providing the clarity that is needed by the Board on this topic. Director Van Berkem questioned how the Airport fits into the topic of growth, should the Airport facilitate growth, react to growth, or should it attempt to inhibit growth? Conversation on the topic ensued, but all Directors agreed that aggressive growth in the area of aviation related topics will not be supported. Mr. Smith commented to the Board that the conversation of Managed Growth might not be able to be finalized until the Demand Driver study is completed by Mead & Hunt.

Vice President Wallace stepped out of the room at 4:00 p.m.

The framing of Airport District growth objectives was discussed. These objectives will help craft language about growth, which will ultimately go into the strategic plan and potentially be drafted into a policy directive. Please review the attached meeting summary report for growth objective details.

Vice President Wallace returned to the room at 4:20 p.m.

BREAK: At 4:21 p.m. the Board recessed for a break. At 4:31 p.m. President Jones reconvened the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEXT STEPS

Ms. Doherty led the discussion on what the next steps are regarding the topics of community and managed growth. Ms. Doherty stated that she will be drafting language for the Board to review within the next two weeks.

Ms. Doherty asked Board members what they would like to see discussed in future workshops. Long term budgeting was suggested by Director Hetherington (how does the Board make decisions on spending, reviewing the actual “dream” list, and making it a regular discussion topic at regular Board meetings). The topic of how the District allocates funds for community uses was discussed; should the District approach it project by project or should it have a specific process it follows. Director Morrison stated that a decision should be made on the topic of the possible widening and lengthening of runway 02-20. Ms. Doherty also suggested the topic of supporting the new library in Truckee.

ADJOURN

MOTION #1 APRIL-02-15: Director Van Berkem motioned to adjourn the April 2, 2015 special Board meeting. Vice President Wallace seconded the motion. President Jones, Vice President Wallace, Directors Van Berkem, Morrison and Hetherington voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

At 5:05 p.m. the April 2, 2015 special meeting of the Truckee Tahoe Airport Board of Directors adjourned.

John B. Jones, Jr., President of the Board

Kevin Smith, Secretary of the Board
