

FICRA BUILDING TRUST APRIL MINUTES

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 7:28 pm

Board Attendees: Wes King, Vice President, Craig McLaughlin, Director, Candy Wawro, Secretary, Hal Goodell, Treasurer. Arlyn Lawrence, President, Excused.

Additional Attendees: Jim Braden, Committee Chair, Capital Projects and Maintenance Project Manager, and approximately 12 more people in the audience

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Hal Goodell moved to approve the Minutes from the March 2022, Trust Board Meeting, which was seconded by Craig McLaughlin and approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Hal Goodell

Trust Checking account: Feb Balance: \$44,945.78, March 31 Balance \$45,291.66

Trust Capital Checking: Feb 1 Balance: \$3,578.13, March 31 Balance \$3,578.13

Trust Reserve Checking: Feb 1 Balance: \$319.98, March 31 Balance \$319.98

Trust Money Market: Feb 1 Balance: \$313,028.71, March 31 Balance \$313,095.18

Trust Savings: Feb 1 Balance: \$575.54, March 31 Balance \$897.19

Trust PayPal: Feb 28 Balance: \$2,090.37, March 31 Balance \$897.19

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT – Jim Braden

Building & Grounds: Major Projects: The Capital Expenditures report has active & proposed (mostly capital) projects with priorities indicated in red Priority column. The status of each project is indicated on the last column of the report. This month’s highlight is the completion of the west wall windows except that the shades are too snug. Jim is working with Hunter-Douglas and Chosen Wood Windows to resolve with the best (minimal) alteration. The work party conducted on March 26th (weather delayed) where Four Square Church members spread the new chips on the play area and weeded the exercise stations on the Sports Field had improved the appearance, greatly. Thanks to Gary Addeo and his team.

Nature Center: The Nature Center Team has just added several more native plants (Service Berry and Oregon Grape) and they have finished improving the alternate entrance to the Nature Center (new and wider planks to ford the wet area). The Team has welcomed two new members: Karen Conniff and Brett Leedy that participate in the monthly work parties. Also, a new resident on Fox Island: Robert Phillips, a retired forest ranger & photographer has met the Team and may also join. The NC Team says “Come visit. The spring growth is spectacular.” The long-term members are enjoying the fullness of the plantings growth that they planted years ago.

Citizens' Patrol: Crime is still out of hand in our Tacoma and Peninsula surrounding area. The Washington State Legislature has passed bills that should help law enforcement get back to more preventive action, investigation, and manning of law enforcement. Action: The hiring of Sheriff Deputy for select extra patrols is still above normal for us until we get advice from the Sheriff Department of a positive change in trend.

Emergency Preparedness (EP): We have yet to verify, for sure, the Cascadia Rising II event timing – supposedly in the Fall of 2022. We are scheduled to mail a paper newsletter, soon, to all Fox Island residents with focus on informing those who don't yet have a Block Coordinator of what they should be doing to prepare for and execute emergency response.

Fox Island Amateur Radio Club (FIARC): The repeater is in service and is being used on the Sunday nets. Action: A little more work is needed for that system to be considered 100% ready for Emergency Response use. Some new communication processes are being evaluated as alternative methods of communication for our Emergency Response.

Non-FICRA Trust Business:

Fox Island Bridge: Derek Young is working to get a meeting set like we have done before for island residents to ask questions and for the County to learn where opinions trend. Jim and Craig have met with several Fox Island residents that are interested in helping work with the County on the bridge plan and financing. Action: Craig, Jim, and Patty Peterson will be carrying that effort forward. It will be a protracted effort. Action: FICRA should consider being the entity for the communication link with the County due to past success of working together (EP, CP, road work, etc.).

Park Hosting: Craig is still leading the effort to land the best method of managing Fox Island parks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NCC Usage and Rates Status – A subcommittee comprised of Hal Goodell, Jim Braden, and Craig McLaughlin have been meeting to assess what a fair market rental amount should be. They will be conducting a survey to include other similar rentals in the area to ascertain if rental rates need to increase and, if so, what is a fair market value. No new updates.

NEW BUSINESS: Foursquare would like an update on their request to lengthen their lease from month-to-month to a six-month lease. They are also requesting a 60-day notice to vacate for any upcoming rental during their Sunday rental times. Wes made mention that the Trust Board would host another meeting to discuss the details either in person or by zoom of Board members and get back with Gary Addeo's leadership team on the Trust decision.

Gina discussed possible designs for this year's FICRA Fair t-shirts currently in the works.

Possible Car Show in the works for late Spring or Summer. Miguel recommended inviting the auto mechanics club at the Gig Harbor High Schools to attend. No dates set as of yet.

Branding still in the works. Wes to reach out to the designer and possible zoom meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Hal Goodell made a motion with Candy Wawro second. Meeting adjourned 7:51 PM

Next monthly Board meeting scheduled for May 12, 2022.

Minutes submitted by: Candy Wawro