



SPECIAL MEETING TBRT FUNDING RECONSIDERATION

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM
RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

David called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

David Guy, William Steppe, Nicholas Goode, Amie Hanaway

AGENDA ITEMS

TBRT Marketing funding/Formally appoint representative

1. See attached documents vital to decision making process.

David reviewed the request to reconsider a fifth of the marketing expense. He highlighted the total expense of \$7,152.00, \$1,430.40 each. The board's original decision was this expenditure was not fiscally responsible and rejected the expense. The board was asked in earnest fashion by Steve Garrison to reconsider their decision.

Upon the request to reconsider, the board directed Amie to reach out to our legal council regarding all documents, specifically our lease agreement, to explore the possible repercussions of withdrawal from the partnership all together. John confirmed, our lease is a 99 year lease (beginning 2017) and there are no terms of termination by the lessor. So regardless, our lease will remain intact, no matter the directorship of RRDC. Meaning everything could operate as normal, considering uniformity and with respect to the other partners. Perhaps it's not in the Town's best interest to be a partner.

There was discussion of whether to entertain a different proposal of expense/membership criteria for Ruth. It's clear as capitalization of this partnership ensues, inevitably, there will be bigger ticket expenses coming down the chute. To expect Ruth to incur a fifth of all expenditures, given our budgetary constraints, and inability to justify the benefits, other than relational ones, seems not to be a value proposition.

Discussion of lack of responses to meeting requests and inability to offer virtual options are also an issue. Amie pointed out, unlike the other members, this is not a full time job for Ruth and scheduling is difficult if a virtual option is not afforded. In this day and age it is almost unacceptable for this option not to be provided. David commented while he enjoys sitting in and being a part of these meetings, he suggests he is not the best choice to represent us. He feels it better serves the Town for Amie to be the representative. He shared Amie's schedule is extremely flexible as long as calling in or attending virtually is an option. William agreed and reminded this is on the agenda to formally appoint our representative to this partnership should we continue. David entertained a motion to appoint Amie, William made the motion, Nicholas seconded, passes unanimously. David communicated for me to let John know so the resolution could be altered to reflect the proper representative.

William shares he feels the only thing we are losing is the expense. Nicholas agrees. Nicholas says if they would propose a different structure, maybe the board would take it under advisement. There was discussion of the original email forwarded by Danny Searcy seemingly allowing for the option to decline this expense, it feels no is not an option. The partners inability to recognize Ruth's differences from themselves is challenging for the council.

Ostensibly, there is a cost to have a seat at the table and what is that seat worth? William inquired about the marketing plan, was this discussed and presented, and formally adopted? Where is it, and if we are a partner, why has Ruth not seen the plan? David offered his perspective, often things are done,

followed by request for funding, absent of advance discussions if the actions are warranted or agreed amongst all partners of the plan. He feels the reorganization of the directors of RRDC will address and improve this process.

William says no to the expense, Nick too says no to the marketing expense, sharing he might be open to a discussion of restructuring our cost of admission in the partnership. David says in the spirit of cooperation, we are willing to be partners, and want to work together to accomplish common goals, but we cannot be equal partners in expenditures.

There was discussion of what distribution would be palatable for being a partner.

David shared he knows Jeffery Bandini will be calling in for the next meeting so attending virtually must be an option. He instructed Amie to reply to Beth's email sharing I have been appointed to represent Ruth and need the link to remotely attend.

David said, should they ask, communicate the board's decision, the sentiment of not sharing the expense remains the same.

ADJOURN

Nick made a motion to adjourn, William seconded, passes unanimously.

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