

EAGLECREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2015, 5:30-7pm

City Hall, Room 224

AGENDA:

I. CALLED to ORDER at 5:28pm

Board Members: Mike Stanley, Bruce Garrison, Alexis Howard, Dave Audet,
Dave Lefebvre, Carlton Heine

Staff: Jeffra Clough, Matt Lillard

Public: Gary Stambaugh, Jack Kreinheder, Paul Swanson

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved and approved with the addition of Manager's Evaluation to New Business

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 7, 2015 – Moved and Approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jack Kreinheder: Jake gave an update on the state parks grant. The grant funding is currently tied up in federal bureaucracy. The current estimated timeline is for a mid July decision. Juneau Freewheelers is currently working on a fundraising campaign to supplement the grant. There is a lot of excitement about the Sourdough Mountain Bike Trail.

Gary Stambaugh: Gary asked the board to consider an extra special discount just for last year's pass holders that would not be offered to the general public.

V. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Finance Committee- 5/21/15: Bruce Garrison gave a report of the Finance Committee Meeting. The committee discussed in depth the possible promotions for FY16 Seasonal Products. Bruce gave a summary of the different product promotions discussed which included Season pass discounts and benefits, Multi Visit card usage early next year, locker discounts, and 5th grade Pass. The results of the meeting will be discussed and acted on during Action Items. See recording for details.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

Financial Report

Summer Operations

Staff Evaluations and Merit Increases

Trails Permitting/Summer Trail Work

Events

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Porcupine Lodge Update: Matt Lillard gave a status update on the Porcupine Lodge. We are working on a small punch list that revolves mainly around painting issues. The goal is to be completed in early July. On the liquidated damages front we are currently in a waiting game to see who bends first. Both sides have stated their case and we are waiting for a resolution. There is approximately \$24,000 being withheld while it gets resolved. On the parking lot front staff is not planning on doing any big work this summer. We have decided that we are going to try two main operational changes this coming season. First, we will reverse the flow of traffic in order to reduce the end of the day congestion near the base lodge. Second we will convert the first 5-10 parking spots on the downhill side of the lower lot closest to the base lodge in order to provide a better area for drop off and pick up. 1% for Art pieces should be arriving in Juneau in July and we will hang them at that time. The large snowboard mural will wait until we get a better picture next winter. There will

be a grand opening ceremony for the Porcupine Lodge at Discover Eaglecrest Day on Saturday, September 19.

FY15 Supplemental Request: The supplemental request to use up to \$50,000 of the Eaglecrest Fund money to cover FY15 expenses passed through the Assembly. As of mid June staff is expecting to need approximately \$20,000. Any unused funds will be returned to the Eaglecrest Fund.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

FY16 Pricing: Staff introduced pricing for FY16. Outside of the FY16 Seasonal Product promotions there was very minimal change. Day ticket rates and multi-visit card rates stayed the same. The board was asked to review the pricing with the goal to approve the pricing at the July meeting.

Managers Evaluation: It is time to do the General Managers annual evaluation. Alexis Howard has passed out evaluation forms. Staff and board members are asked to get those back ASAP. A Human Resources Committee meeting was scheduled for June 29. The location is to be determined and will be sent to the board once determined.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

FY16 Seasonal Product Promotions – See recording for the full discussion. Bruce Garrison moved to approve the FY16 Seasonal Products Promotions as presented. Dave Lefebvre seconded. Discussion ensued. Dave Audet moved to amend the motion to not offer the free Triple Play to 6th graders and instead offer a free pass. A discussion ensued. The amendment was put to a vote and failed 6 Nays, 0 Yays. The original motion passed with unanimous consent.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Follow up) – N/A

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

XII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Dave Audet: Dave asked whether it's worth asking the assembly to give Eaglecrest a "Sales Tax Break" on season pass purchases in FY16. A short discussion followed and it was agreed that staff will run the idea by our assembly liaison first.

Dave Lefebvre: Thanks to the board and staff for the time spent on discussing and coming up with the FY16 Seasonal Product Promotions. Dave visited the area and got a tour of the Porcupine Lodge. He commented that it is a first rate facility and looks forward to seeing it in operation.

Alexis Howard: Alexis commented that this is her last official board meeting and has enjoyed her time on the board. She looks forward to possibly serving on the board again when her life calms down.

Carlton Heine: Thanks to Alexis for her time and work on the board and her perspective as a representative of a young family user. Carlton commented that he thinks we have a good, practical package of FY16 Seasonal Product Promotions.

Bruce Garrison: Bruce recommended that we reach out to last year's pass holders and the general public explaining the FY16 Seasonal Product Promotions. Bruce also asked if we could look into holding some board meetings in the new "board room/Class room" in the Porcupine Lodge.

Mike Stanley: Thanks to Alexis for her work on the board. He encouraged her to continue to weigh in on issues and please feel free to come back to the board at some point in the future.

XIII. ADJOURNED at 7:02pm -- Next meeting date: July 2 @ **5:30pm**