BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3-14-2025

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1. Introductions and Attendance

Directors Present: Kathi Obendorfer, Jim Schepers, Jacky Skubik, Regina Kowalski, and Joan Dobbins. Allan Nobles was excused. and Merrill Hollinger was absent.

The President introduced Carol Amedio who owns the Blue Pineapple on Dearborn Street. Carol expressed an interest in joining the Board of Directors. She has lived in the area for over 30years after having a long career in H.R. with a large pharmaceutical company. She gave a brief history of her endeavors in the area and now her children and grandchildren have taken over management and operations of her businesses. She wanted to do something additional, now for the community.

Many board members expressed their appreciation, and she was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

Meeting called to order: President Kathi Obendorfer called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Approval of Board Minutes: January Annual Meeting and Board Minutes were previously approved by email. There was no meeting in February.

2. Officer Reports

President's Report: Kathi Obendorfer commenced by discussing the Community Trust, which is now prepared to be executed with "wet" signatures from the current board of directors. The signature page was made available to the directors present and Allan Nobles had previously signed the document. The Secretary acknowledged he had been in contact with the CPA that was recommended by the attorney, and that a letter of engagement was forthcoming about the duties we require from him.

She discussed the activities of the organization and indicated that we would only be planning two events this year. We once again will sponsor Halloween Safe Walk and a Christmas Event that may evolve from a parade to just a festival in Pioneer Park.

Her next conversation was about the CRA Meeting that occurred the previous Monday. Many members of the public expressed their concerns regarding trash removal, parking, and other concerns involving events at Pioneer Park. These concerns seem to come up at every meeting but there is little progress on solutions. There is continuous frustration with explanations given by CRA staff and county assistant attorney.

She ended by talking about the succession of the presidential position. Allan Nobles, current Vice-President, may consider moving into this role. Kathi is in her third year and

the by-laws require a new person fill the role. She also remarked that OEVA is now a member of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce.

Vice President's report: No report.

Treasurer Report: Jacky Skubik had sent the Treasurer's report out earlier to the board. Jim Schepers made a motion to accept, and it was seconded by Regina Kowalski. Passed unanimously.

Secretary Report: The Secretary reported that the only necessary business would be the annual Conflict of Interest forms. He distributed them to the director's present. The meeting moved to New Business.

Required Committees

Executive Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer: Reference President report.

Finance Committee: Chaired by Jacky Skubik, Reference Treasurer Report.

Governance Committee: Chaired by Jim Schepers, Reference Secretary Report

Membership Committee: Chaired by

Other Committees

Arts Committee: Chaired by

Events Committee: Chaired by

Government Relations Committee: Chaired by

IT Committee: Chaired by Eric Peterson: No report.

3. New Business:

The vacant position of seat #7 was addressed. The Board briefly discussed the attributes Carol Amedio would bring to the Board. Jacky Skubik nominated Carol Amedio, which was seconded by Joan Dobbins and passed unanimously.

4. Announcements: The President talked briefly about a street manager for Dearborn Street. The CRA will sunset in 2029 and there will be a need for some type of management for the old downtown area. Previous discussions at one time had OEVA, joining with the County, to finance a street manager position. She felt, as other members on the Board, that OEVA did not have the fiscal and management resources for such position. She viewed that some sort of merchants' association may be an answer. We will continue to monitor the development of the idea.

5. Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Joan Dobbins_____,

Seconded by Regina Kowalski_____,

Time of adjournment was 5:00 p.m.