

**GENESEE FOUNDATION  
BOARD MINUTES  
May 14, 2008**

The Genesee Foundation Board of Directors met on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in an executive session to discuss land issues. The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by President Gary Anderson at 6:35 p.m.

**Attending:** Barbara Actor, Gary Anderson, Scott Jacobs, Anita Livingston, and Anne Sherwood. Out of town: Jerry Hintz. Excused absence: Cliff McRae.

**Also Attending:** Carla Andrews, Community Manager.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Anne Sherwood moved approval of the April 9, 2008 Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Anita Livingston and unanimously approved.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

- An email was received from Brenda Renner regarding the ad in the *Genescene* for a volunteer to support the ARC review process.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT**

*Carla Andrews submitted a written report and highlighted orally the important points.*

- Carla updated the Board on the Xcel marking process. All high pressure gas lines for Xcel have been reclassified from distribution lines to transmission lines. Due to this reclassification, the Department of Transportation requires the lines be marked in a very specific way. Xcel is presently in Genesee remarking these high pressure gas lines. Eight residents contacted the office regarding this remarking and all their issues have been resolved. A message was placed on Channel 8 and also a Quick Com alert was sent out.
- The maintenance staff is busy getting the pools ready to open to the community, on time and within budget, this Memorial weekend. The swim team starts their first practice on Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- Anne Sherwood announced that the first quarter Board initiatives/goals are completed and the progress report is posted on our web site for resident review.
- Anne Sherwood commented that the Vision Initiative captured the attention of the under 50's demographic. Several attended the Saturday focus group and subsequently began to communicate via email and blog site. Out of this communication an idea for a Genesee summer concert surfaced. The idea was

circulated among Vision Committee members and received universal support. The consensus was this kind of event could create a sense of community – a way to bring residents of all ages together.

Anne introduced Jason Ornstein, a Genesee resident with Team Player Productions, who was in attendance to make a presentation to the Board regarding his proposal for a summer concert to be held in Genesee on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. A single 90 minute concert would be held in the open meadow west of the Vista clubhouse. Jason stated that he views this as a social gathering to bridge the gap between residents. A request was made for \$3,000 to cover the cost of the event.

Barbara Actor voiced concern that the office and maintenance staff, which would have just finished handling the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, would be needed to put on this event. She wanted to be reassured that minimal office staff would be required and Jason assured the Board that volunteers would assist in the execution of this event.

Anita Livingston had concerns regarding parking and that only \$1,000 was placed in the 2008 budget for a community event. Gary Anderson stated that we do have discretionary funds available because in the August budget process we don't always know next years' expenses. He felt that next year the committee could look for donations to support this concert and viewed it as a marketing opportunity to showcase Genesee.

The Board did agree that this type of event would bring vitality into our community and residents could also see that this event is a part of the visioning process. When asked, Carla reported that there are not issues with our insurance and we are covered.

Anne Sherwood moved approval to spend no more than \$3,000 for a summer concert, chaired by Jason Ornstein, to be held in Genesee on July 17, 2008; contingent on a good volunteer plan. The motion was seconded by Scott Jacobs and unanimously approved.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Finance:** *Anita Livingston submitted a written report.*

Anita reported that all work is completed on the audit; with no major discrepancies. A draft report will be ready in 10 to 14 days.

The Finance Committee reviewed the existing Finance Committee Charter dated 8/6/92 and requested that changes be approved to update the charter.

Anita Livingston moved approval of the additions, corrections and changes to the existing Finance Committee Charter recommended by the Finance committee with 2 minor changes made by the Board. The motion was seconded by Anne Sherwood and unanimously approved.

Anita announced that the review of the first quarter finances showed nothing in the budget was over and a few items were under budget. The re-investment policy will be presented to the Board at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for approval.

**GEM:** *Anne Sherwood submitted a written report.*

Anne informed the Board that the GEM Committee reviewed revisions to the 2008 Open Space Manager's Report and recommended final approval by the Foundation Board. Barbara Actor requested that the date on the report be changed to May 2008.

Anne Sherwood moved approval of the 2008 Open Space Manager's Report. The motion was seconded by Gary Anderson and unanimously approved.

## **INITIATIVE COMMITTEES**

**Private Drive Public Safety:** *Gary Anderson submitted a written report.*

Gary announced that assistance will be given from the Fire Department along with Rocco Snart, of Jefferson County, in the selection of 3 private model drives to demonstrate hazard fuel reduction, on both open space and private property. Scott Jacobs, Chair of the Colorado Wild Fire Protection Plan, will also be a part of this process. The selection criteria in identifying drives would include only those drives that have resident support. Completion is anticipated by the end of July and hopefully this would result in a reduction of hazard rating for those drives by a minimum of one category.

Barbara Actor voiced concern about rating private drives and not individual homes. She was informed that that would be the ultimate objective, but the Red Zone Software to do individual home assessments is very expensive.

Nancy Balter said that it is inexcusable that this information has not been communicated to the community. Gary said that the information, as originally presented on the Fire

Department, was not a helpful tool for residents. The Fire Department did not present the data with any explanation or cover letter; which would have assisted in building some momentum in a direction that represented a noticeable hazard reduction. Nancy encouraged the Board to get the information out to the community as soon as possible. Gary said that he would co-ordinate doing that with the Fire Department.

**Genesee Vision:** *Anne Sherwood submitted a written report.*

Anne reported that approximately 100 residents attended the Town Meeting and the four focus groups. Fifteen residents have communicated attritional comments via email addressed to [vision@geneseefoundation.org](mailto:vision@geneseefoundation.org).

The resident survey scheduled for the beginning of May has been postponed until the Vision committee meets on May 21<sup>st</sup> to review results of the community input sessions and discuss next steps. The results of the Vision demographic survey can be viewed on the website. Anne thanked Bim Stanton for compiling the data and creating the power point presentation.

**CWPP:** *Scott Jacobs submitted a written report*

Scott reported that the final Colorado Wildfire Protection Plan is anticipated to be completed in late May or early June. The report was done with a broad stroke, for almost all of Genesee has a high hazard rating. Nancy Balter stated that the lack of mitigation on the properties surrounding our community is the problem. She also expressed that without a nearby fire it is impossible to get people interested in fire mitigation

## **Signage**

Gary Anderson announced that Cliff McRae, who had been taking the lead role on this committee, is out on a 2 month sabbatical from the Board. Because of this Gary will be meeting with Carla next week. Presently they are looking at 2 possible model signs and coming up with a general cost figure. Anita Livingston, Finance Chair, will also be attending that meeting, as the cost of the signs will gradually be incorporated into the budget over the next 2 to 3 years.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **New Resident**

Barbara Actor reported that 6 new residents attended the Spring Newcomers' Reception on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Oxley. Another reception will be held in the fall.

## **LIAISONS**

### **ARC/COVENANTS**

Barbara Actor updated the Board that Chris O'Dell, the Chair of ARC, will bring Brenda Renner's resume to the ARC committee on Thursday for their approval and has scheduled a drive around with her at the end of the month. Brenda volunteered to support ARC with their summer work load.

Mr. Michael Williams, who resides on Foothills Dr. S., emailed the Board requesting permission to construct a garage using 10 to 15 feet of Genesee open space. After discussion the Board concluded that this is not consistent with past practices of not granting encroachments onto open space prior to construction.

Gary Anderson made a motion to deny Michael Williams his request to cross over his lot boundaries onto open space to accommodate the construction of a garage. The motion was seconded by Anne Sherwood and unanimously approved.

Anne will follow-up with a letter to Mr. Williams regarding the decision of the Board.

**Development:** *Gary Anderson submitted a written report*

Gary reported that a notice was received from the Jefferson County Planning Commission regarding the development of 14 lots on 250 acres in Kerr Gulch. He stated that given that this property does not border Genesee, is not visible from Genesee and will be accessed from Kerr Gulch Road, it will not impact Genesee residents directly. Gary declined on Genesee's behalf to have any involvement in this proposed development.

The Land Development Committee continues to have discussion with the developers of the Ralston Ranch property. It is possible that an outcome of the discussions will be a formal annexation proposal of a small number of lots on the western border of Genesee, as well as substantial amounts of surrounding open space.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Barbara Actor brought up the issue of personal trainers using our weight room and felt that a policy needed to be developed regarding the registration of those trainers. Several residents had commented to her that as many as 4 trainers were working out with residents early in the morning, during peak times. All other gyms and facilities charge

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personal trainers a fee for using their facilities and we are losing out on revenue that could help support our fitness center. Carla mentioned that she would like to see Genesee be included as a rider on the trainers' insurance policies.

Barbara said that she would work with Scott Jacobs, Board Liaison of the Weight Room committee and Jason Ornstein, head of the weight room committee, to develop a policy to bring to the Board for approval in June or July. Carla stated that she would also like to be involved in preparation of this new policy.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Barbara Actor  
Board Secretary