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TAHOE DONNER ASSOCIATION E.A. - TDA ASSOC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING  
Northwoods Clubhouse  
September 18, 2012  
8:00 a.m.**

A special emergency meeting of the Board of Directors of Tahoe Donner Association was held at the Northwoods Clubhouse, 11509 Northwoods Blvd. Truckee, California on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. President Tom Johns called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The following Board and Staff members were present:

Directors present: Tom Johns, Steve Miller, and Jay Lempinen,

Via conference: Suzy Knisley, Ron Wulff

Staff present: Robb Etnyre, General Manager  
Forrest Huisman, Director of Capital Projects  
Bonnie Watkins, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

**BEACH CLUB MARINA PROJECT**

Director Johns explained that the reason for today's special emergency meeting is to address concerns that have arisen over the proposed Beach Club Marina project. Although this project is scheduled for review in front of the Truckee Planning Commission this evening, with several letters of opposition to the project previously received from Tahoe Donner property owners, Tahoe Donner has now received letters of opposition from Mountain Area Preservation (MAP) and the Sierra Club as well. Director Johns said, the question now is, should we proceed with the project or temporarily pull it to address some of the concerns that have been raised. Since all the issues in the MAP letter have already been addressed in the plan, he said, his first inclination was to suggest that the Board move forward with the presentation this evening. However, on giving further thought to the possible political fallout that such a decision could create, it might be in the best interest of community relations to withdraw the project from tonight's agenda. He indicated that it could be politically expedient to address some of the fundamentally incorrect information being circulated about the project and then submit it for Town Planning Commission consideration at a later date.

Director Knisley stated that, she still supports the project, but it may be in the Board's best interest to delay it.

Director Wulff stated that, when environmental organizations become involved in opposing a project, it's time to put it on hold and attempt to work with them in understanding the facts about the project. He noted that this project isn't something that has to happen immediately, and he feels that the time should be taken to get the community on board.

Director Miller indicated his support of the project, but stated that the political fallout that could be generated from moving forward may not be worth it. He said there is no rush to complete this particular project, so his inclination would be to withdraw it for the time being.

Director Wulff pointed out that Tahoe Donner has an excellent public image with regard to protecting the natural resources on the many acres of land we own; why should we jeopardize that image over one project involving 20 trees.

Director Lempinen indicated that he would like to see how the Town votes this evening. Director Johns responded that, if the Board attends the meeting this evening it could be perceived that Tahoe Donner doesn't care about the environmental organizations objections.

Director Knisley asked the Board if they should meet with MAP and the Sierra Club to present the facts and obtain their immediate input before making a decision. General Manager Robb Etnyre explained that, at this point in the season, there is no opportunity for a short delay. The next opportune date for construction would be in the spring, weather permitting.

Director Johns inquired what Mr. Etnyre's thoughts were on whether to postpone the project or not. Mr. Etnyre stated that this is a great project that would improve the operation and benefit the membership, it has been thoroughly researched and all the concerns expressed by members and out of area organizations have been addressed. As far as the political aspect of the issue, he said, if the Board isn't comfortable moving ahead, delaying the project won't be a negative. It is still a good project that can be undertaken at a later date.

Discussion ensued regarding the impacts, both positive and negative, associated with the temporary withdrawal of the project. Further discussion took place regarding the need to clear up the misinformation on the design of the project, which is not consistent with the actual plans.

Mr. Etnyre stated that, withdrawing the project allows time to get the real story out there and dispel the false one that has, unfortunately, been perpetuated by a few members.

It will also give us the opportunity to continue to tell the good story that we have here at Tahoe Donner which is 1,000 acres of land surrounding Tahoe Donner protected from development, 5,000 trees planted last year alone, and the extensive trail work that has been accomplished. He said the fact that Tahoe Donner has a long track record of noteworthy environmental stewardship is simply being ignored by the entities objecting to the Beach Club Marina project.

Following further discussion of the merits of delaying the Beach Club Marina project, Director Wulff made a motion and Director Knisley seconded to place the project on temporary hold and to launch a publicity campaign to educate the membership and community at large about the project. Motion passed 5-0

The Board continued to discuss ideas for a press release regarding the withdrawal of the project, scheduling an open forum for further member input and presentation of the facts of the project, and the need to strategize for the resubmittal of the project to the Town Planning Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Submitted by:



Bonnie Watkins, Recording Secretary

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Jay Lempinen, Secretary of Tahoe Donner Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Tahoe Donner Association Board of Directors meeting held on September 18, 2012, as approved by the Board members in attendance and constituting a quorum at a duly convened subsequent meeting of the Board.



Jay Lempinen, Secretary



Date