

**Special Governing Board Meeting
Summary**

embrace colorado

March 30, 2009

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

UNC Center

2915 Rocky Mountain Avenue

Loveland, CO

Members Present:

Rocky Scott

Ed Starck

Milan Karspeck

Louis Swanson (via phone)

Angie Milewski

Glenn Vaad

Members Absent:

John Kefalas

Bill Kaufman

Dave Edwards

Staff Present:

John Daggett

Guests:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Secretary Karspeck at Chairman Swanson's request.

Minutes from February 16, 2009

Karspeck moved to approve the minutes. Vaad seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CDOT Contract

Daggett briefly explained that the contract was progressing at Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) representatives in its execution phase. Review by FHWA on in-kind support had yet to be completed, but was expected. After in-kind support was approved, CDOT would finish the contract execution.

Board Membership

Board members continued their conversation about the makeup of the Board. The consensus of the members present was that the Board should continue to pursue building partnerships with community foundations in the region.

The Board then discussed potential members to fill the two open seats. Daggett said he met with John Coppom of Greeley and gave a brief description of the interview and Mr. Coppom's background for the Board. Vaad explained several reasons he had forwarded Coppom's nomination in lieu of Tom Selder's resignation on March 16th. Board members discussed the nomination.

Glenn Vaad moved that the Board accept the nomination of John Coppom to the Governing Board of Embrace Colorado. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Retreat

The Board discussed holding a retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to examine what other regions have done with visioning and establishing nonprofit organizations to manage growth and address issues of a regional nature.

Daggett explained that he had spoken with both Robert Grow (Envision Utah) and Doug Henton (Collaborative Economics/Joint Venture Silicon Valley) and explained that both gentlemen could be available. Both represent particular approaches to developing strategies to growth and development and could offer valuable insight to the Board and the public on challenges and opportunities in Northern Colorado.

The group discussed the timing of such a retreat and how each potential speaker might be used. Scott suggested that a day might include the following or something similar:

1. Afternoon - work session with the Board (12:00 - 3:30 or 4:00)
2. Cocktail Hour - with VIPs (potentially a fundraiser) (4:00/4:30 - 6:00)
3. Private dinner (6:00 - 7:00) or dinner with a select group
4. Public Event (7:00 - 8:30)

The date was flexible as was the day of the week, but hopefully in the late May/June non-holiday time frame.

The Board asked that Grow and Henton be invited to compare and contrast their approaches for the Board's consideration and discussion during the work session, potentially arriving at a hybrid.

The Board asked that the two speeches focus on successes around the country.

Daggett said he would follow up again, but was confident that the experts could provide such an overview/service.

Executive Director Employment Resolution

The Board met in executive session to discuss the details of the employment agreement with Daggett and agreed upon a set of recommendations. They reviewed their recommendations with Daggett following the executive session.

Rocky Scott passed out two items: A set of draft performance policies for the executive director and a set of conditions which represented recommendations as a set of starting points for final negotiation on an employment contract.

Milan Karspeck moved that the Board empower the Chair to meet with Daggett to negotiate and execute a final employment contract as executive director for Embrace Colorado. Vaad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fundraising & Development

Daggett reported that an additional \$9,000 in in-kind support had been received from Clarion Associates and Icenogle, Norton, Smith, Gildia, & Pogue for planning and legal support since the Board last met. Daggett was pursuing a proposal through Representative Markey's office for the next transportation reauthorization bill in congress due later this year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the UNC Center at Centerra from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. on April 20, 2009.

Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.