

**Board of Directors Meeting
Summary**

embrace colorado

June 15, 2009

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

UNC Center

2915 Rocky Mountain Avenue

Loveland, CO

Members Present:

Rocky Scott

Ed Starck

Dave Edwards

Angie Milewski

Louis Swanson

John Kefalas

Milan Karspeck

Members Absent:

Glenn Vaad

Bill Kaufman

John Coppom

Staff Present:

John Daggett

Guests:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Acting Chair Swanson.

Minutes from May 18, 2009

Milewski moved to approve the minutes. Scott seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Retreat Action Review

Daggett asked the Board to review its discussions and conclusions from its retreat on June 3rd and to identify any action steps that needed to be taken.

The Board discussed its agreed upon definition of the role of the Board that the Board has particular duties and responsibilities. Those include: 1) a fiduciary responsibility to the nonprofit corporation, 2) selection and supervision of staff, 3) securing ample resources so the corporation can complete its mission, 4) supporting longevity of **embrace colorado** and 5) ensuring the integrity, fairness and nonpartisan nature of how **embrace colorado** does business.

An extended discussion ensued about the makeup of the Board and the proposed Initiating Committee and the differences between the two. Kefalas suggested that there was a perception among some in the public that the Board was not balanced. He urged the Board to add additional members who could balance gender and ethnicity in the Board's makeup. Members discussed the concept of "balance" and generally agreed that balance for the Board meant a rough balance of geography, gender and ethnicity. The Board generally agreed that the Board should be expanded to fifteen (15) members. A motion was made to ensure a geographical balance between the two counties with a minimum of five (05) members from each and that the Board would strive for diversity among its membership. The motion was tabled for additional discussion.

Other members stated that a set of criteria for Board members was important regardless of Board makeup. Criteria would shed light on Board candidates and would ensure that the current Board would select candidates to the Board who had the prerequisite qualifications and interest necessary to help **embrace colorado** succeed.

Board members then discussed developing an approach to developing an Initiating Committee. The Initiating Committee is conceived of a large group of 50 – 70 people who would be selected through a formal process directed by a social network analysis effort to identify those with characteristics that demonstrate leadership, community building,

collaboration and an ability to accomplish projects. By the nature of taking a social networking approach, Northern Colorado would be assured of identifying a core group of candidates for the Initiating Committee who could represent their areas of interest and who would stand a good chance of succeeding in addressing the challenges in the region. It was also stated that even though social networking analysis is likely to be a great committee candidate selection tool, care should be taken to be certain that all important “voices” be included.

Scott moved and Karspeck seconded a motion that read: “The Board will appoint an Initiating Committee of 50 – 70 individuals made up of community leaders that ensures that all viewpoints are represented with the broadest perspective possible in the region to achieve the objectives of **embrace colorado**”. The motion passed unanimously.

Fort Collins Work Session Meeting

Daggett reported that the City had scheduled and has now pulled **embrace colorado** from its agenda for July 14th. **embrace colorado** has been added to the agenda for the Fort Collins, Loveland and Larimer County Quarterly meeting July 30th. He reported that he had initiated a conversation with the DDA and urban renewal district in Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley.

Daggett also reported that he would be taping a pre-recorded presentation for the two Councils and Commissioners to watch in advance of the meeting. The tape will be distributed by the City of Fort Collins Channel 14 and be available via streaming video on the web.

Finances

Daggett reported that he was continuing to work with the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado as a convening partner and source for needed local funds. He reported that a number of smaller local jurisdictions had committed to making their share of \$50k available to **embrace colorado** in June. Daggett urged Board members to think about how they would like to pursue raising funds for projects and match. Daggett reported that no funds had been spent.

Next Meeting

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

Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.