Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2009, Samoa Women’s Club, 7-9pm

**Board Members:** Mike Wilson, John St. Marie, Marj Fay, Nancy Ihara, Mike Seeber, Bill Weaver, Matt Johnson, Tamara Gedik

**Public:** Jake Johnson, Garrett McSorley, Lisa Hoover

**Staff:** Emily Walter, Carol Vander Meer, Laura Kadlecik

**August Agenda**
I. Introduction of guests present
II. Approval of November minutes
III. Public input
IV. Trails Planning Update
V. Approve signing with California Northern Region Land Trust Council making FOD a member
VI. HCNC Building Plans
VII. Planning for 2010
VIII. Comment/questions on committee reports
IX. Upcoming events
X. Upcoming agenda items

I. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
Jake Johnson (architect) and Garrett McSorley (LEED specialist)

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
John motioned for approval of the November, 2009 minutes as corrected, 2nd from Matt Johnson, all in favor. Motion passed.

III. **PUBLIC INPUT**
Carol reports that the Manila Community Services District (MCSD) board submitted a letter to FOD requesting support of designating a historic “coast guard” trail along the foredunes. Carol checked in with historian, Don Tuttle, who looked into this and could not find evidence of a trail. At this time Carol doesn’t think this topic needs further discussion.

IV. **TRAILS PLANNING UPDATE**
*Highlights of the public comments*
The public comment period ended on December 6th and the comments are available to board members in Wiggio. It was decided that more time is needed to evaluate the comments and the plan before presenting a final plan. Staff and Land Trust committee members have been looking into what actions FOD is able to take within this plan in a legal manner.

Mike Wilson would like to know what administrator is in charge of final approval of the plan? **ACTION:** Carol will look into this.

Mike Wilson would like to make note that FOD is increasing public access at HCNC and thus a trails plan is necessary in order to protect resources.

There will be an internal review of the next draft starting with the Land Trust and Restoration Committee before presenting it to the board.
V. APPROVE SIGNING WITH CALIFORNIA NORTHERN REGIONAL LAND TRUST COUNCIL (CNRLTC) MAKING FOD A MEMBER OF CNRLTC
Lisa submitted the MOU for review in Wiggio. She feels signing the MOU would be beneficial to FOD in several ways including staff and volunteers taking part in annual meetings and trainings. Dues are $50 a year.

Mike Wilson moved to approve signing the CNRLTC MOU making, FOD a member of CNRLTC with re-evaluation if Lisa Hoover were to leave the CNRLTC Steering Committee, which FOD would be required to participate on. 2nd from Mike Seeber, all in favor, motion passed.

VI. HCNC BUILDING PLANS
Building engineer plan was submitted to County for approved permitting in early December. Jake mentioned that one big change to the plans was the addition of tie rods every 6 feet inside the building.

Garrett presented a slide show reviewing the project plans and explaining the LEED certification. This project should qualify for platinum LEED certification.

There is enough natural ventilation not to need artificial ventilation. There are still options/alternatives to change certain aspects of the project. (i.e. buying a different hot water boiler that costs more but uses less propane.) The board would like to see operating costs as proposed versus alternatives.

Laura passed out and reviewed a schedule of milestones starting now and into February when construction is proposed to begin.

VII. PLANNING FOR 2010
Overview of major programs
Carol reviewed the major programs planned for 2010 and where funding is coming from.

Consider Draft 2010 Budget for approval
Mike Wilson motioned to approve the 2010 budget, 2nd from Nancy, all in favor. Motion passed.

Marj Fay motioned to make a separate bank account for the construction project, 2nd from Mike Wilson. Nancy Ihara amended the motion to add Carol Vander Meer, Bill Weaver, and John St. Marie as signatories on the new account. Marj approved the amendment. All in favor, motion passed.

VIII. COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS
None

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS
Friends of the Dunes Move, Saturday, December 19, 1-5pm vacate Stamps House

XII. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS
- Check bylaws

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