

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES

June 17, 2009

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Erik Henrikson, Vice President Dan Wilkins  
Directors Ron Treabess, Lou Reinkens, and Judy Friedman

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Gustafson, General Manager  
Mike Sexton, Legal Counsel  
Ginger Charlton, District Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Henrikson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Director Treabess led the audience in the Pledge.

**B. GENERAL**

TCPUD Board Discussion on Snow Storage

Ms. Gustafson gave a historical presentation on the snow storage issue that showed how the PUD was drawn into helping the community with finding an area for snow storage. A snow storage task force was developed in March of 2000 because the community was frustrated with what to do with snow from the sidewalks. Commons Beach was used for snow storage. Placer County put a stop to it in 2001 but later gave permission for Commons Beach to be utilized as a backup for one more season with the PUD site being the first choice. In the meantime, 64-Acre Park was identified as a feasible site by Lahonton Water Quality Control Agency. The Forest Service allowed the storage of snow accumulated and transported from public use areas such as sidewalks and streets.

Ms. Gustafson then reviewed the PUD's history with the fire station beginning with the 1990 conceptual planning for the shared use of this site. Our MOU with the Fire District was signed in 2007. In the fall of 2008 the Fire District, TCDA, the County, the Resort Association, and the PUD started meeting to discuss snow storage options and funding. Meetings with the contractors began in March of 2009. Director Henrikson voiced his opinion that the Board told the Fire District that they needed to replace the snow storage and then in 2008 they reported back that they didn't find a snow storage area and showed the Board a rendering of the new fire station. Director Treabess said that he felt that the Board didn't say that they couldn't do the building before a new snow storage area was found, but encouraged them to help find a place.

Director Henrikson asked what coverage we're giving up to give the land to the Fire District. Ms. Gustafson said that that question would be answered at the 4:00 meeting with the Fire District.

Director Friedman said that she believes that it was clear that the Board was concerned about the snow storage issue from day one but there wasn't enough concern to put it in the

motion or the MOU. She said that she believes that the snow storage question is one issue and the site for the fire department is a separate issue.

Ms. Gustafson said that she believes that the Board never took a definite position on this subject and that's why we are here again today.

Ms. Gustafson asked if we are in a position where we can tell the Fire District that we don't want them to break ground until this issue is solved either with a satisfactory temporary site or permanent permitted sites. Director Treabess said that he believes the Board needs a reconfirmation of what he thinks had been said or say that they can't move forward until they find a snow storage site.

Mr. Sexton said that this discussion bothers him because the District doesn't have the statutory authority to be involved with snow removal. He said the Fire Protection District isn't empowered with snow removal either and he doesn't believe that they can go out and expend funds to locate a site specifically to solve a snow removal problem for the people of Tahoe City. He added that the fact that we are negotiating with the Fire Protection District to lease them a particular site at nominal cost, does give the Board some policy reasons for requiring that certain things occur.

**C. PUBLIC FORUM**

Jan Brisco said that she has been doing a lot of research trying to help the community find a permanent solution. She remembers the Board discussing the issue regarding the Fire District needing to find a snow storage spot before they could use the land across the street and there were no dissenting comments from the Board. She said that if the community knew that the land needed to be permitted for snow storage, they would have been very focused on doing that. She said that she believes the Fire District knows that they have to find a solution before they can break ground. She implored the Board to help with this issue so that the community can find a solution.

Dave Wilderotter said that a lot of times the way things work in Tahoe is that you do things until you are told you can't. That is how Commons Beach and the current snow storage area were handled. He said that moving the fire station allows the community to use the area where the fire station currently is. The business community is beyond excited about the potential to use the land.

Matt Daniels said that he has a piece of property near this building and he doesn't want the fire station up here. He asked why the PUD is letting them use the property since all of the other avenues haven't been exhausted.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

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Erik Henrikson, President

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Ginger Charlton, District Clerk

Prepared by Ginger Charlton