

EAGLECREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 4th, 2024, 5:30pm

Agenda:

1. ROLL CALL: Mike Satre, Jon Dale, Stephanie Warpinski, Hannah Shively, Norton Gregory, TJ Mason and Kevin Krein were present. The mountain was represented by GM Dave Scanlan, Erin Lupro and Kristen Strom.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mike called the meeting to order at 5:30. Jon requested that under new business the board elect a new secretary, he also noted that in March the board only held a finance meeting and not planning. Norton made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Norton made a motion to approve the March regular meeting minutes, the motion was approved without any objection.
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.
5. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS:
 - a. Ms. Woll shared that Assembly is working hard on the budget. On Saturday the Assembly will be reviewing budgets from different departments in the city. She also shared that the ordinance for the Tourism Office will be available for public comment on April 29th. She also commented on the 5 ship rule for the summer cruise ship season.
 - b. Finance Committee March 21st – see notes in packet.
6. MANAGERS REPORT:

See Manager's Report for detail. Additional discussion points:

 - Kevin inquired about ticket sales as a result on the Indi Pass Ski Show visit.
 - The board discussed the struggles with IT at the mountain and the amount of time staff is having to devote to IT.
 - A one-time/short term contract was issued to hire project manager to help draft an RFP for the gondola.
 - The board discussed the importance of housing for both winter and summer hires.
 - The board held a lengthy discussion to learn more about plans to support this summers cruise ship walking tours. There was a board concern about the impact this would have on a very short-staffed crew. The GM will handle all staffing and scheduling but agreed to provide the board with more information for staffing and scheduling. Mike commented on how much the team had to do to get through the winter and hopes to explore ways to bring on staff to support

summer cruise tours. Jon commented that existing senior staff, already short 2 senior staff positions, should not be forced into walking tour support.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ordinance establishing a Tourism Office position, a solution for a problem that doesn't exist. The board discussed concerns about the language in the ordinance and reviewed a draft response written by Mike. Ms. Woll shared that this is not a power grab by the Assembly or the City Manager. Board members will send Mike their comments to consolidate into one response.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Goldbelt Franchise Agreement – The GM shared details about Goldbelt being the exclusive seller for the summer gondola. The board was in general agreement but wanted to make sure that this agreement would not impact walk up and local sales.
- b. Cycle Alaska Permit Renewal – Cycle Alaska has been a summer vendor since 2013 and pays \$250/month to allow for brief usage in the lodge. The board agreed to a 1-year extension.
- c. HR Committee Schedule for GM evaluation- Hannah will be working with City HR to have the evaluation sent out. The board discussed May 2nd as a date to discuss the evaluation.
- d. The board discussed the vacant secretary position. Norton volunteered to serve in the role, TJ made a motion for Norton to be the board secretary, the motion passed without objection.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Kevin passed appreciation to Erin and Dave and is looking forward to the final weekend. Norton passed thanks and appreciation to the Eaglecrest staff and noted his excitement for summer ops and using the gondola to increase revenue and offer more services to the community.

TJ passed excitement for summer operations but doesn't want to see staff over extended. He thanked all staff for a great season.

Jon thanked all staff for a great season and expressed optimism for the weather this weekend. He shared concern about not losing sight about everything else that need attention at the mountain such as night skiing, Packer Estate, haul rope splice and rope replacements.

Hannah commented that despite her December concerns, how great the season turned out all due to the effort of Eaglecrest staff.

Mike thanked all staff and noted how much work is ahead. He offered to use the board for support and thanked Stephanie for her service on the board.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:10 the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25th at 5:30.