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2nd Story Associates

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706 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101

Zoom Meeting

2:00 P.M. – Monday, March 8, 2021

I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** 2:04 PM

Board Members Present: Skip Szymanski, Rob Fredericks, Zahra Nahar-Moore, Gary Linker, Annmarie Cameron, Laurel Sykes (left at 2:40pm), Kathleen Baushke

QUORUM MET

Board Members Absent: Veronica Loza

Others Present: Alice Villarreal Redit, Tim Waaler, Celia Wright

II. **Public Comment:** Public comment period open. No comments.

III. **Consideration of Minutes**

1. Recommendation that the Board approve Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 7, 2020.

MOTION: M/S Fredericks/Cameron

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. **Financial Report**

1. Recommendation that the Board review and order filed 2nd Story Associates financials for the Quarter ended December 31, 2020.

Tim presented financials and noted the organization is in a good position. He stated that the net income was based on the timing of when the grants are received. Informed the Board that the \$27,000 majority was focused on the Tools for School event. \$17,000 was drawn from GHI Grace Village for Gardens on Hope as was previously approved.

MOTION: M/S Baushke/Fredericks

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Recommendation that the Board receive an update on the balances of 2nd Story grants.

Tim presented the Grant Fund balances. Kathleen asked about the Women’s Fund grant. Tim informed the Board that the Women’s Fund grant is a pass-through grant, used for medical services through Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics. Skip added that he has been very impressed with the services that have been provided through this grant.

V. Old Business

1. Recommendation that the Board receive an oral report on 2nd Story programs and grants.

Alice continued discussion on the Women’s Fund grant, explaining that there was a slow rollout due to COVID-19. Stated that 40% of the funds have been expended to date. Discussed COVID-19 Joint Relief grant from Santa Barbara Foundation of \$10,000, and the Emergency Assistance Fund from Grace Housing, Inc. which has recently received 3 referrals and will be expended soon. Stated that they are looking into further funding from Santa Barbara Foundation to address food insecurity. Skip discussed Gary’s request for funding hot meal program for seniors, and that \$5000 were allocated for this reason in partnership with Pascucci’s Restaurant. No action needed.

2. Recommendation that the Board receive an oral report on the status of The Gardens on Hope.

Rob informed the Board that Housing Authority ended the fiscal year in the black. Gary added that Charlene is doing a good job as the Executive Director. Gary inquired about when they would be filling the Program Director position. Skip stated that he would be following up. No action needed.

3. Recommendation that the Board receive an oral report on the status of Vera Cruz Village.

Skip stated that the Housing Authority submitted a CTCAC application today for 116 E Cota Street. Hoping to be awarded the tax credits to start construction in the fall for 28 units and 1 manager unit. No action needed.

4. Recommendation that the Board review and approve the 2nd Story Associates Strategic Plan retroactively effective April 2020.

Alice and Celia reviewed the strategic plan retroactively effective April 2020 through April 2023, and the corresponding action plan. Informed the Board that many of the action steps are ongoing without a deadline. Alice discussed a new partnership between the Housing Authority and Women’s Economic Ventures, who will be providing webinars and reaching out to a greater number of families through this pilot program.

MOTION: M/S Sykes/Baushke

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

5. Recommendation that the Board review and approve annual budget for 2021.

Tim explained that the annual budget is based on grants that we know that we will be receiving. Stated that \$6,000 came from Housing Authority staff during the annual charitable giving event. Skip added that the \$12,000 Grace Village Legacy Fund for Grace Village residents is being placed on hold for future developments as there is no pressing need for the funding. Gary inquired about the remainder of the Women’s Fund grant. Skip stated that most of the contract is designated, and the remaining 10% is allocated for administrative costs.

MOTION: M/S Fredericks/Cameron
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

New Business

1. Recommendation that the Board receive an update on HACSB’s current development projects.

Rob discussed 200 N La Cumbre Road development. Informed the Board that there will be an input meeting for this project on March 11th at 5:30pm to receive feedback from the community. Regarding the 400 W. Carrillo Street development, the Housing Authority is currently working with the City and the investors, hoping to get in front of City Council soon. Kathleen asked if the Housing Authority anticipated any issues with the 200 N La Cumbre community input meeting. Rob said that he did not expect too many issues to arise as it is housing for families in need. Gary asked how many units there would be, Skip said that there would be about 48 units. No action needed.

VI. Other Business/Board Comments

1. Subject: Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics

Annmarie informed the Board that Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics was recently awarded a federal grant to do screenings and assessments for mental and behavioral health. Stated that they may need partner assistance to help administer this grant.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:09pm.

Minutes Reviewed and Approved:



Veronica Loza, President

Jun 22, 2021

Date