

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

February 20, 2018

A meeting of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park, and Stone Mountain, Georgia.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman
Ray S. Smith, III, Vice Chairman
Dick Childers
Joan Thomas
Roy Roberts
Scott Johnson
Becky Kelley, Director of State Parks & Historic Sites

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Perry Tindol
Michael Thurmond

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Stephens, C.E.O.
Bob Cowhig, Director of Planning and Development
Michael Dombrowski, General Manager, Silver Dollar City/Stone Mountain Park
Edna Zimmerman, Director of Finance
Debbie Blihovde, Benefits Administrator
Duane Studdard, Administration Manager
Mike Lee, Assistant Chief of Police & Fire
Barry Brantley, Public
Joyce Henke, Public

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Meadows, Chairman, called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Thomas, and unanimously approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 19, 2017 Board meeting and to adopt the minutes as printed. A draft copy of the minutes was sent to each Board Member prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joyce Henke made a request to address the board. Ms. Henke said she lived in Lilburn and that herself and a group of concerned individuals had trapped, neutered, vaccinated and returned feral cats that live in the park. They have been doing this since 2015. They have shelters and feeding stations for the cats in the woods. They were given permission from Chris Mabey with HFE to take care of the cats. They have been told by Dan Schmidt with HFE that they have to remove the shelters and feeding stations and until they comply he will not speak to them. They are requesting for HFE to communicate and have an open dialog concerning the cats.

SILVER DOLLAR CITY/STONE MOUNTAIN PARK REPORT

Mr. Dombrowski updated the Board on what was happening with SDC/SMP. Snow Mountain is continuing until March 4th. Spring break starts on March 30th and all attractions will be open. There is a new 4D movie called Lost World. There will be a dog stunt show. HFE is opening a new obstacle course in the Skyhike area.

Mr. Dombrowski talked about the Easter Sunrise Service on April 1st. Last year about 5000 people came. You can take the sky lift to the top or walkup. They will also have a service on the laser lawn for guest who do not want to go on top.

FINANCE REPORT – YEAR TO DATE

Ms. Zimmerman reported that preliminary year-to-date revenues through December 31, 2017 were \$10,811,911 compared to a budgeted amount of \$10,730,229. Total operating expenses year to date were \$7,208,202 compared to the budgeted amount of \$7,886,443. The net operating profit before depreciation was \$3,670,919 compared to a budgeted amount of \$2,867,786. The year to date deficiency of revenue over expenses was \$1,864,942 compared to a budgeted loss of \$2,832,214.

The statement of cash flows reflects net cash provided by operating activities of \$3,141,970 year to date. The net increase in cash year to date was \$1,644,897. The cash and investment balance at the end of the period was \$13,444,192.

The capital project in process is SmartCop Software. The total cost including annual maintenance is \$133,187. The capital portion is \$103,132 and the expenditure to date is \$50,147 leaving a remaining balance of \$42,985.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Kelley went over the annual activity of the Department of Public Safety in 2017. He discussed the different types of calls for service. He discussed the training the Department employees had for 2017. Chief Kelley also went over the Crime report for the past month.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ORDINANCE UPDATE

Mr. Stephens proposed adding two sentences to SMMA's Public Assembly ordinance. The first sentence is to 5-102 I: No conditions or provisions of this ordinance shall apply to any county, state, or federal government entity or any instrumentality of the State of Georgia. Then the next change defines an Instrumentality. Mr. Stephens asked the Vice Chair to explain the definition of instrumentality.

Mr. Smith said that the word instrumentality shall mean any department, Board, Bureau, agency, commission, council, authority, corporation, entity, any political subdivision of the State of Georgia or any member of the foregoing acting in their official capacity, and others as may be designated by the Governor.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to adopt the amendment to 5-102 I and 1-103 of the code of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, seconded by Ms. Thomas, and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman

Submitted by Debbie Blihovde