

Board of Directors – 4.9.20

Mission: To advance sustainability in the built environment through community education, measurable standards and regional action.

(5:30) **WELCOME**

(5:35-5:45) **CONSENT AGENDA** Raymond motions to approve the consent agenda. Josh seconds. All in favor.

See the attached.

(5:45-7) **NEW BUSINESS**

-Coronavirus

- Sam checking in weekly one on one with staff
- Weekly staff meetings
- Work for everyone to do even though some things are slowing down.
- No plans for layoffs. Optimistic about PPP
- Some opportunity for developing remote learning classes
- Talking to Olivette about Cider Fest next year.
- Using this time to catch up on some items like collecting and analyzing data from ESN and also following up with ESN clients about the experience.
- Looking out for other opportunities to work with members

- **16 Ridgelawn**
 - 1896 home under contract for \$499k.
 - Going through conditional rezoning process. It won't be easy but it is possible. Robin has spoken with 5 of 7 council members who have pledged their support. The city staff has a mandate to reject our proposal. There is a sidewalk challenge- we might need to upgrade to the new style of sidewalk.
 - Documentation of how the building has been used in the past is non-existent.
 - WNCCHS is the seller.
 - Chrissy and sons offered to do the site plan for the application
 - Need to get a structural engineer to certify the building is up to commercial loads
- **New board members**
 - Jessica, McGregor, Antonio are rolling off. Jamie, Ben, Josh, Heath are up for reelection and willing to stay.
 - We've elected Lisa to fill McGregor's position.
 - We have a few suggestions. I didn't catch them all.

- **County School Sustainability coordinator Alecia**
- **Debra- Heath's contact**
- **Ben Portman- stormwater person**
- **Asheville Parks and Rec**
- **Sam will talk to all candidates**
- **Retirement plan for staff**
 - **Talking to Vanguard**
 - **25\$ per period per employee contribution**
 - **The plan is totally optional so it's flexible for the GBA.**
 - **\$1,000 set up cost. \$4,000 per year contributions. Flexibility to staff to put some bonus in the fund**
 - **Added some SRI funds to the options (Green Century). We can't only select SRI funds to the plan, but it's an option.**
 - **Stephens motions to accept the retirement plan as planned. Heath seconds. All in favor.**

Attending: Robin, Stephens, Raymond, Lisa, Jose, Leigha, Chrissy, Ben, Eric, Josh, Heath, Sam, Cari