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