

Long Beach Land Conservation Sub-Committee Minutes

January 18, 2016 (4 P.M. To 5:10 P.M.)

Call to Order 4 P.M.

Present:

Ms. Martha Maust

Mr. William Hazelgrove

Mr. David Hoppe

Ms. Joy Schmitt

Dr. Annabella Juhasz

Election of Officers, Chair and Secretary

Ms. Maust nominated Dr. Juhasz, Mr. Hoppe seconded, all in favor.

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Mission Statement

Purpose: Conserve green spaces, reclaim land.

A discussion was had. Mr. Hoppe will write a formal mission statement

Ms. Maust mentioned real estate Attorney David Schenk as a potential resource.

Mr. Hoppe discussed new FEMA definition of flood plains, implication for flood insurance.

Potential Funding Sources

Grants: public and private

Indian Tribal Grants

Partnering with established groups

Estate endowments

Fund Raisers

Save The Dunes Council

Town Council

Ms. Schmitt provided a sample form for requests of any funding from the Town Council.

Land Trusts Discussion.

There are two distinct definitions of a land trust:

a private, nonprofit organization that, as all or part of its mission, actively works to conserve land by undertaking or assisting in land or conservation easement acquisition, or by its stewardship of such land or easements;[1] or

an agreement whereby one party (the trustee) agrees to hold ownership of a piece of real property for the benefit of another party (the beneficiary).[2] -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Land_trust

Areas of priority interest

Moon Valley: Mr. Hoppe proposed future discussions with Michigan City Government regarding Moon Valley.

Stockwell Woods: The members agreed to walk through Stockwell Woods in the spring to identify any areas we can help to maintain it's health.

Next meeting Wednesday February 14th at 4PM, Civic Center.

Adjourn 5:10PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annabella Juhasz, M.D.