CITY OF FOUNTAINS FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2006

Present: Jim Bernard Jr., Joel Vile, David Ross, Barbara Barickman-Meier, Gary Cortes, Carl DiCapo, Anita Gorman, Michelle Stark Kaufman, David Seay, Joanie Shields, Yvonne Wilson and Sandra Aust. Also in attendance were Mark McHenry, Richard Coleman, Terry Dopson and Linda Dillon. Excused: Bob Berkebile, Howard Jacobson, Mike Malyn, David Schwartz and Jack Tinnel. Absent: Ollie Gates.

President Jim Bernard, Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Thanks to Michelle Kaufman and Mike Malyn for hosting today's meeting.

The minutes from the April 26, 2006 meeting were approved as circulated.

Executive Director Report:

a. There are no more posters to be sold so that item has been taken off the website. There are lots of notepads left and it was suggested that these be sold for $1.00 each on the website. Several Board members requested the notepads. Joanie Shields will take notepads and books to sell at the HKCF homes tour in late October.
b. There is more interest in the books due to the approaching holidays. All Board members have paid their contribution for this year.
c. Linda also reported that if COF joins the Heritage League Foundation at a cost of $30.00 per year, this gives access to the KCCVB website. A motion was made, seconded and approved that COF join the Heritage League Foundation.

Steffany Hedenkamp, Eric Bosch and Lou Austin presented the latest plans for the 93rd & Hillcrest Roundabout and water feature. No approval is needed at this time, and the Board is willing to be involved in the future if needed.

Parks Report: The report is attached to these minutes. The plaza area around the Lewis & Clark sculpture is in bad shape and needs to be repaired. The Garden of the Stars fountain at Starlight needs some repairs.

President's Report:

a. Dialogue continues concerning the Eilert Fountain in Corporate Woods.
b. There is talk of a monument to the 114 persons killed in the Hyatt accident. This would be placed in Washington Park.
c. Refiguring is being considered for the ATA plaza at 10th & Main Streets.
d. The Kansas City Visitor's Guide contacted Jim and wanted to know the five favorite fountains in Kansas City. He expressed his own opinion to the caller.
e. There is talk underway to remove the Rain Thicket Fountain in Oppenstein Park and put in a sculpture park.
f. The Spirit of Freedom Fountain recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Jim was a speaker.
g. Fountain Day – would like to use the DiCapo Fountain next spring for Opening Day.
h. Barbara Barickman-Meier and Anita Gorman attended PIAC hearings.
i. Meeting hosts – David Seay volunteered to host the next Board meeting in January 2007.

Financial Report: David Seay presented the financial report though June 30, 2006. The net return was 6.3% for the first nine months. The report will be updated as soon as the September 30 information is received and will be available on the website. The financial report was approved as submitted. Jim Bernard, Jr., David Ross and David Seay are meeting with Debra Shultz next week for a potential rebalancing of the investment policy. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Investment Committee can rebalance the investment policy.

Tax return preparation: Martha Hubbard in Jim's office has been doing COF's tax returns for the past few years. She has now retired and there is no one else in his office who can do this. Jim has talked to two CPA's. Jim Flanagan with Frank Franke's office is interested and estimated an expense not to exceed $1,500. Jim will talk to him further, but the Board approved by consensus using Flanagan.

Election of Officers and Directors: The Nominating Committee presented the following for Directors (2 year terms):
Jim Bernard, Jr.
David Ross
Gary Cortes
Ollie Gates
Howard Jacobson
Mike Malyn
Jack Tinnel
Yvonne Wilson

A motion was made, seconded and approved that these people be re-elected to the Board.

The following slate was presented for Officers:
Jim Bernard, Jr. – President
Joel Vile – Vice President
Barbara Barickman-Meier – Secretary
David Ross – Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded and approved that these people be re-elected as Officers.

Jim proposed a retreat/long range planning session to be held some afternoon, perhaps at Liberty Memorial. The discussion would include what this organization should be doing and what the future holds. Jim has agreed to serve as President for 6 more months. At that time, he hopes that someone else will step forward to take on this position. It was suggested that a facilitator be hired for this retreat. Joan DeMerchant, Gretchen Kunkel and Jeff Fromm were mentioned.

Anita mentioned there is a proposed fountain at Davidson Road and bricks will be sold.

Website: It has been suggested that the COF website include all sculptures in the metro area. Cheryl Hanback will charge $500.00 to write this program. There will also be a new section on volunteer jobs, donations, etc. A motion was made, seconded and approved to go ahead with this.

SOS!: Joanie reported that a water expert be contacted to analyze the water used in the various fountains. This should be done after the fountains are turned off.

A grant application has been sent to the History Channel. This was applied for on behalf of City of Fountains Foundation.

The Shirling Sanctuary Monument is not accessible to the public. Joanie has sent a letter.

Future items: Jim mentioned again items that have been discussed previously: video update, tourism package, bequests, Donors Edge, Friends of the Fountains.

The next meeting will be held in January 2007 at KPMG, 1000 Walnut, Suite 1000 with David Seay hosting.

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