

HTA BOD's Meeting Minutes: February 11th, 2007

Present: Jagdish Sharma, Ashwani Bakshi, Uma Ramchandra, Asha Jain, Kamal Kharbanda, Mohini Ahuja, Govind Satpathy, Varinder Narang, Ravi Aggarwal, Vasu Atluri, Prem Bhardwaja, Anil Gupta, Deepak Malhotra

Others: Krishna Paliwal

Not Present: Asha Thakur, Snigdha Sharma

Item #1a: Approval of the Minutes Dec. 17th, 2006 Meeting

Ravi Aggarwal made the motion and Varinder 2nded it, All agreed to approve and the motion was carried.

Item #1b: Approval of the Minutes Jan. 6th, 2007 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Varinder Narang and seconded by Dr. Govind Satpathy. There were minor additions such as : Vasu's name will be added on the Long Term planning Committee and Fund-raising committee. Vasu's name will also be added to the Maintenance Committee as well. Vasu's absence from January 6th, 2007 meeting will be excused since he was in India finalizing the Venketshwara's murti purchasing.

Item #1c: Approval of the Minutes Jan. 19th, 2007 Meeting

A motion was made with an addition to mark Snigdha Sharma as absent (in Jan 19th 2007 meeting), motion was seconded by Ashwani Bakshi. All present in the meeting voted yes and the motion was carried.

Item #2: Issue already discussed at length under item 1b. Secretary will check and remind those Board Members who have not signed up for anything yet.

Item #3: Temple Booth Reservation at Indo-US Mela on Feb. 24th, 2007

Prem B. indicated that he has already sent the check and a list of menu items for the food. However, he has not heard any response back from Mr. Subhash Thati. Asha Jain wanted Prem B. to let Subhash Thati know that HTA will be raffling some tickets as well. Uma Ji will help decorate the booth; Kamal will be the coordinator of this event.

Item #4: Puja Committee Updates:

Kamal Kharbanda will be the coordinator for the Shivaratri event. Jagdish Sharma will be setting up the audio, video, and LCD Screen for the special effects and share some slides for the marble flooring and carpet needs of the temple. Krishna Paliwal and Ravi will assist in getting the flooring information out to the devotees via brochures and other leaflets.

Ravi Aggarwal and Jagdish will help coordinate the Navratra event at the Temple.

Item #5: Audio and Video Surveillance Equipment/Installation

Jagdish Sharma proposed a plan with the new audio system (wireless) and video surveillance. He also indicated that this is the right time to get these things done while the construction work is going on and temple will save some money now rather than doing it later. The Video equipment will be installed to provide Temple-wide surveillance for the security of the Temple assets and its devotees and the Priest. Jagdish shared some latest news about the vandalism incidents happening around the Phoenix valley especially in the Temples and other places of worships. He also presented a quote from one vendor for the audio & video equipment and installation (turnkey solution) which was close to \$10,000. Vasu Atluri suggested that we should get another quote just to compare the prices.

Prem B. made the motion to approve the spending budget of \$12,000 for the entire project with built-in \$2,000 as contingency funds. Govind Satpathy seconded the motion. Ashwani Bakshi indicated that these funds will come out of a different budget other than construction budget.

All present during the meeting voted yes and the motion was carried.

Item #6: Construction Project-Next Phase:

Ravi Aggarwal indicated that since he has not heard any response back from Mr. Vijay Sethi who was supposed to find a better quote for the fire-alarm system in the Temple which is a required component by the city of Scottsdale. Ravi made the motion get \$ 8,000 spending budget for the project of fire-alarm.

The motion was seconded by Varinder Narang; all present in the meeting approved the motion by voting yes. Motion was carried. Ravi mentioned that the Archway project (project#5) will be done within the next week.

PROJECT #6:

Ravi Aggarwal indicated that the project #6 comprises : installing false ceiling with tiles, removing and reinstalling with adjustments the ceiling fans, a/c related vents and air-handlers etc., removing some old wires and reorganization of all the attic wires properly, adding new EXIT signs. Ravi made the motion of getting an approval of a spending budget of \$ 18,000 (from the construction budget). Asha Jain seconded the motion. All present in the meeting voted yes and the motion was carried. Upon asking by

Prem B, Ravi agreed to send all the details (via email) about each project (a summary status report including description of the project, cost –initial and actual, expected completion date.)

that has been accomplished.

Item#7: Shivratri Event-already discussed under Puja Committee updates.

Item #8: Property located next Door to Temple (3033 No. Hayden Rd.):

Jagdish Sharma, Asha Jain, and Mohini Ahuja shared the information with the Board about the availability and an offer about the property located next door(3033 N. Hayden Rd.) to the Temple. They also asked the Board members to see if they are all interested to acquire the property in the first place. After a lengthy discussion on the subject, Ravi made the following motion:

HTA is indeed interested to acquire this property on the condition of if it can be used by the Temple for all its activities that it carries out routinely. This motion was seconded by Varinder Narang. All present in the meeting voted yes and the motion carried.

2nd Motion by Prem Bhardwaja: An exploration committee needs to be formed in order to study the feasibility . Seconded by Ashwani Bakshi. The following members expressed their desire to be on this committee: Asha Jain, Jagdish Sharma, Ravi Aggarwal, Varinder Narang, Prem Bhardwaja, Vasu Atluri , and Krishna Paliwal will be the technical consultant. It was also agreed upon by all that Asha Jain will be the single point of contact for this action. All voted yes and the motion carried. Asha Jain will take the Boards' message to Lou (property owner) about its' interest in purchasing the property.

Item #9: Fund-Raising for the Temple

Ashwani mentioned that the Temple has collected around \$95,000 so far and still there is about \$55,000 that needs to be collected. We still need additional \$40,000.

Asha Jain mentioned that she will put a fund-raising plan together and will share with the rest of the Board members via email.

Item #10: Murtis' Orders Updates:

Ravi Aggarwal apprised the Board that all the murtis will be completed by mid-March and the Mandaps will be done by the end of March 2007. It might take approximately 45 days to pack them and get them over to USA.

Puja Committee will set up a step by step and a sequence of activities/events pertaining to the pran-pratishtha of all the murtis.Puja Committee will email the plan to the Board by mid-March 2007.

ADD-ON Item #11:by Varinder Narang:

Varinder indicated that since there is no more pending issues pertaining to the Dec. 3rd, 2006 elections, therefore, the Temple Secretary needs to be authorized to convey the message to Election Committee Chair Mr. Subhash Arora to dispose off or burn the ballots of that election. Prem Bhardwaja made the formal motion to authorize the Secretary to send an email notifying Mr. Arora to dispose off or burn the ballots of election held on December 3rd, 2007.

Asha Jain seconded the motion. All present in the meeting voted yes and the motion was carried.

ADD-ON Item #12:by Ravi Aggarwal:

Ravi assured that he will have the lawn-care crew come in and clean all the weeds and pick up other stuff from the lawns before the Shivratri event.

ADD-ON Item #13:by Jagdish Sharma:

The Temple Secretary shared a concern that there is no designated place to secure all the historical paperwork, manuals, construction related drawings etc. etc. The Board suggested that the Temple Secretary will be given a cabinet in the dining area so that it can utilized just for the intended purpose.

ADD-ON Item #14:by Jagdish Sharma & Asha Jain (FOR FYI PURPOSE ONLY)

Hindi classes and the HTA Youth Club activities will start from Feb. 25th, 2007. If there is anybody who would like to volunteer among the Board, please let Jagdish Sharma or Asha Jain know.