



Special Board of Directors Meeting
1/17/20
Online Meeting

Attending: Sandy Morhouse (w/video), Scott Hearburg (w/video), Nancy Archer (w/video), Lance Clark (w/video), Pam Nolan (phone), Pat Ida (phone)

Staff: Donna Wotton, Executive Director

Absent: Peter Reale, Bobby Porter, Chris Mallon (all three voted in favor of passage of the Ticonderoga Golf Club security instrument and initial loan of \$50,000 via email)

- 1) **2019 Annual Report:** Ratification of the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance 2019 Annual Report. Motion made by Scott Hearburg to ratify the annual report, seconded by Sandy Morhouse. Passed by unanimous vote.
- 2) **Ticonderoga Golf Club Loan:** Ratification of the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance Loan Agreement to the Ticonderoga Golf Club. Motion to ratify the loan agreement and the first installment of \$50,000 to Ti Golf Club by Scott Hearburg, second by Pam Nolan.
Vote: Passed by unanimous vote.
3. **Adirondack Foundation Grant:** Notification of the Board regarding intent to submit an application to the Adirondack Foundation's Generous Acts Fund for \$10,000 of operational money to hire part time support for the Executive Director. ADK Foundation has expanded the scope of their Generous Acts Fund in the past couple of years to include not just project money, but also operational funds in recognition of the difficulty that small non-profits like Ti-Alliance have to raising operational funds. ADK Foundation Director encouraged us to apply. Awards are usually in the \$2K - \$5K range.
4. **CFA Main Street Feasibility Grant:** We received the grant for \$20,000, which requires a \$5,000 match from Ti-Alliance. The grant covers hiring a consulting firm to study three downtown Ti buildings and analyze them for best uses, structural assessment of existing conditions, and code analysis, and recommendations for re-use. A final report will be provided for Ti-Alliance, the Town of Ti, CFA, and the building owners. When we wrote the grant it included the Hacker Building, Rathbuns, and the Burleigh House. The Hacker building has since been "dispositioned" in terms of its re-use and they have been engaged with the Code Enforcement Office for almost a year.

We would like to substitute the Agway building in the grant. Suggestions for a replacement building are the former "Sears" building (next to the Chinese restaurant, across from Sunshine Laundry). Donna will seek out the owner to see if they would like to participate.

5. **Housing and Lodging Roundtable:** A reminder regarding the upcoming Housing and Lodging Roundtable meeting next Wednesday, January 22 from 4-6 PM EST at the Hancock House basement meeting room. Peter Reale and Bobby Porter will host for Ti-Alliance. Donna will host the Zoom conference call. We are co-hosting this meeting with TACC and PRIDE. Matt Courtright will be attending. Renee from PRIDE may be attending, or potentially a board

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member on their behalf. We are currently expecting 12-16 people to attend in person, another 6-8 via conference call. Any board members are welcome to attend.

6. **Ti-Alliance Co-Working Space:** Renovation continues to progress on the Ti-Alliance office and co-working space and we will begin to promote it to remote and independent workers soon. If you know anyone interested in sharing office space with us either on a full time or “sometimes” basis, please put them in touch with Donna. The space should be ready by early April if not sooner. Now we need to create a name for the space and prepare signage. Donna will circulate some potential names in a separate email. Anyone with suggestions can forward them to Donna.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 3 PM EST, Conference Call
