

Nehalem Bay Health District

Special Board Meeting

December 27, 2021 11:30 am on Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marc Johnson at 11:30 am.

Attendance: Marc Johnson, Debbie Moberly, Lynda Chick, Jacki Hinton, Anupam Narayan.
Jeff Slamal, CEO

Members of the public and Food Bank Board Members: Tom Ayres, Jackie McCrady, Dave Oman, George Bocarde, Holly Smith, Jenny Greenleaf, Bill Wright, Dianne Bloom, Dave Flemming, Yvana Iobino.

Marc Johnson summarized the results of the Executive Session that was just adjourned.

The Health District has been engaged for some time in trying to determine the highest and best use of the two properties owned by the District. Recently, partly as a result of the pandemic, it has become clear that the housing aspect of the potential project is critical to the future of health resources for the community, but it is not clear how to proceed at this time. Priorities are shifting as the difficulties in the housing market come into focus. The Health District is the only organization in the community that is seriously looking at solutions but with extreme challenges. It is obvious that the Health District and the Food Bank have worked together for many years. The issue currently is how to move forward to serve the community as best we can. We need to make long term decisions and need time to work with the Food Bank in order to come to the best solution. The Health District desires an additional window of time to specifically focus on the due diligence work for housing on the upper site.

Tom Ayres: Tom appreciates the Health District Board and understands they are trying to do what is best for the community. The two Boards may not always agree on the best way to go forward but appreciation for the effort is there. Tom has been working on this project of moving the Food Bank into a dedicated structure for 5 years. His request is to let the Food Bank proceed with their plan of building on the original site outlined in the Sales Agreement. He believes the move forward would be encouraging for the community to have tangible proof that the project for the entire site is moving ahead. He believes that asking for a delay is the same as a denial.

Extensive discussion ensued with comments from all corners. Members of the Health District Board acknowledged the important work of the Food Bank and expressed a desire that the two

organizations continue to work together for the benefit of the community. Members of the Food Bank Board recognized the critical need for work force housing to help address the issue of healthcare staff shortages in our community. There was no resolution to the issue.

It was pointed out that under the Purchase and Sales Agreement the Food Bank could unilaterally impose up to three 30-day extensions of the contract term. The Health District asked the Food Bank to exercise its right to extend the closing date for 30-days to allow time for further negotiation between the parties.

There was no resolution reached.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Meyers, Recording Clerk