

GOVERNOR'S HOUSING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2016

A meeting of the Governor's Housing Committee was held on this date in the LBJ Building, Conference Room 155, 650 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho. Chairman Winder called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm.

Members Present:

Senator Chuck Winder, Chairman
Robert L. Geddes, Director, Department of Administration
Senator Roy Lacey (via conference call)

Members Absent:

Representative Melissa Wintrow
Representative Reed DeMordaunt

Others Present:

Jan Frew, Administrator, Division of Public Works
Tammy Humiston, Principal Financial Specialist, Department of Administration
Robyn Lockett, Analyst, Legislative Services Office
Diane Blume, Program Specialist, Department of Administration
Betsy Russell, The Spokesman Review

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Director Geddes moved and Senator Lacey seconded that the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Governor's Housing Committee meeting be adopted as written. The motion passed unanimously subsequent to a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ms. Humiston presented the Operating Fund Cash Flow for FY2016 and noted the cash balance on the first day of the fiscal year was \$596,554. Since, there was one transfer from the long-term fund to the short term fund of \$36,893. Additionally, \$10,693 dollars of interest was realized which increased available assets to \$607,246. Cash expenses ended the fiscal year at \$543,758.

The Special Projects Fund balance at the beginning of FY16 was \$164,115; earned interest of \$2,434 brought the balance to \$166,548, she said. These are funds originally retained at the Idaho Community Foundation but transferred to the Department of Administration to administer for the committee.

Finally, she provided a spreadsheet illustrating actual expenditures in FY15 (\$64,117) and FY16 (\$63,488), as well as the budget for FY17 (\$62,330). This budget includes \$54,000 for the governor's stipend, \$2,030 for storage rental, \$300 for moving/other expenses, and \$6,000 for the Department of Administration overhead.

MOTION: Senator Lacey moved and Director Geddes seconded that the committee approve the FY2017 budget of \$62,330 as presented. The motion passed unanimously subsequent to a roll call vote.

The FY2018 budget will be addressed at the next meeting the committee, Ms. Humiston concluded.

ALEXANDER HOUSE

Director Geddes reported that a few changes have recently been made at the Alexander House. The Idaho Children's Trust Fund has been relocated out of the Alexander House and into office space at the Borah Building. The Friends of the Alexander House, under the direction of former First Lady, Patricia Kempthorne, have removed all of its belongings. Some have been donated to the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS), others were moved to the Bishop's House or placed into storage.

This was done because the Governor and Mrs. Otter have requested access to the House to hold special events throughout the legislative session. The Otter's home in Star is not a convenient location to hold these types of events because of its distance from the capital city. The Friends of the Alexander House have been working with the ISHS to provide historic displays within the House while in use by the Otters. Governor and Mrs. Kempthorne utilized the Alexander House for the same purpose during Governor Kempthorne's term, he said.

Now that the space is vacant, Facilities Services will conduct some maintenance and give the House a good cleaning before the session. Next spring the exterior of the house will be painted. Much of the cost for maintenance will be assumed by the Department of Administration.

IDAHO HOUSE FURNISHINGS

There are still furnishings from the Idaho House held in storage, Director Geddes said, and several items are being utilized by Governor and Mrs. Otter at their home. Ms. Blume explained some of the furniture was being housed in two storage pods at a cost of \$169 each per month. Nearly a year ago, one pod was eliminated after items were relocated to the basement of the Capitol Mall parking garage storage area.

Chairman Winder asked that the items in storage be reviewed for possible surplus to eliminate the storage fees. Director Geddes said he will review the inventory and report back at the next committee meeting.

FORT BOISE PROPERTY UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Chairman Winder reminded the group that the 15 acres of property donated to the state by the federal government includes a reversionary clause. The location is in the foothills on Horizon View Drive above Fort Boise. There is a stipulation that the land be used for a governor's residence or a city park. He said he has had discussions with the Mayor and his staff and they are in the process of determining whether they are interested in utilizing the property. If not interested, the Committee will then need to decide whether the land should revert back to the federal government. Prior Committees agreed that the land was not beneficial due to its difficult access and layout, and there has not been a Governor interested in having a home built on the site.

He indicated he will continue to work the Mayor's office and report back to the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS/MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Winder asked that the committee meet again in March while legislators are still in town. Director Geddes indicated he will notify legislative leadership that new appointees need to be made to this committee. Chairman Winder thanked Senator Lacey for his good service. Senator Lacey will retire from the legislature as of the end of this month.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: DIRECTOR GEDDES MOVED AND SENATOR LACEY SECONDED THAT THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSING COMMITTEE BE ADJOURNED at 2:05 pm. The motion passed unanimously subsequent to a roll call vote.

Diane K. Blume, Program Specialist
Department of Administration