The call of the roll disclosed the presence of the Directors as follows:

Present

GK Maenius  
Vic Henderson  
David Cooke  
Bob Riley  
Sal Espino

Also in attendance were: JD Granger, Shanna Cate, Matt Oliver, Woody Frossard, and Jenna Brummett of TRVA; Sandy Newby and Rachel Navejar of the Tarrant Regional Water District; Doug Rademaker and Laura Voltmann of the City of Fort Worth; Lee Christie and Ethel Steele of Pope, Hardwicke, Christie, Schell, Kelly & Ray, L.L.P; Marty Leonard; and Charley Mock of Freese and Nichols.

I. Call to Order

President Maenius convened the meeting at 2:04 P.M. with the assurance that a quorum was present and all requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act had been met.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Action Items

A1.

On a motion made by Director Cooke and seconded by Director Henderson, the Directors unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2015.
A2.

With the recommendation of Sandy Newby (TRVA, Chief Financial Officer), Director Henderson made a motion to receive and file the TRVA Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Director Cooke and the vote in favor was unanimous.

A3.

With the recommendation of Ms. Newby, Director Riley made a motion to receive and file the TRV Central City Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Director Cooke and the vote in favor was unanimous.

IV. Discussion Items

D1.

TRVA News, Events and Development

1.

Shanna Cate (TRVA, Programming and Development Manager) updated the Board on TRVA News, Events and Development. Ms. Cate showed the Board photographs of the Education Center model and explained the model’s technology which allows a person to receive explanations and locations of amenities. Ms. Cate next highlighted the Fort Worth ISD field trips to Panther Island Ice. Eighteen field trips for local economically disadvantaged elementary schools are planned. Ms. Cate showed photographs from the sixteen field trips held to date and thanked Blue Zones for providing snacks for the field trips and the Fort Worth Chamber and Bank of Texas for partnering to provide bus transportation. Ms. Cate also noted the Dallas Stars Day, held in partnership with the Dallas Stars hockey team, and Nutcracker Day, held in partnership with the Texas Ballet Theater, which were held at Panther Island Ice. Next, Ms. Cate provided a recap of recent events, including the TRVA booth at Christmas in the Stockyards and the dedication of Fort Worth’s newest piece of public art, the Wind Roundabout, commissioned by the City of Fort Worth (COFW) for Panther Island. Ms. Cate noted that approximately 60 persons, including Mayor Betsy
Price, Fort Worth City Councilmembers Ann Zadeh and Sal Espino, and the artist Ned Kahn, attended the dedication of the Wind Roundabout art piece which is located at the center of the White Settlement and Henderson Street roundabout. Ms. Cate noted articles in 360West Magazine and Fort Worth Texas magazine highlighting the Wind Roundabout art piece.

2.

Ms. Cate noted that in 2006, Panther Island Development Standards and Guidelines were adopted and explained to the Board that significant urban development has taken place since 2006. The COFW now has a master thoroughfare plan which has resulted in changes to the urban footprint. Ms. Cate noted that it is time to apply new information and ideas to the 2006 Panther Island Development Standards and Guidelines. Ms. Cate then introduced Laura Voltmann (COFW, Senior Planner) who has been administering the Panther Island Development Standards and Guidelines. The last update to the Panther Island Development Standards and Guidelines was in 2010. Ms. Voltmann gave a slide presentation highlighting street cross-sections, canal cross-sections, streetscapes, and architectural standards. Mr. J.D. Granger noted positive impacts to development for Panther Island resulting from the COFW change in buildable footprints. Mr. Granger will develop an outline of suggested tasks for the Board to establish a “Development Committee” to assist with updates to the Panther Island Development Standards and Guidelines. Director Espino offered to make himself available for such a committee. Director Riley suggested updating the Panther Island Development Standards and Guidelines every three years.
D2.

Update on Panther Island/Central City Project

1.

Woody Frossard (TRVA, Project Manager) gave an update on the Panther Island/Central City Project. Mr. Frossard noted that the former Star-R-Foam building has been demolished and work at the former Star-R-Foam site should be completed next month. Mr. Frossard also noted that the first phase of demolition at the former Police & Fire location is complete. Phase 2 consists of the firing range and support facilities. Mr. Frossard advised that the firing range will remain pending a meeting with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Next, Mr. Frossard advised that two sheds and an air compressor remain at the former McKinley Ironworks site. The sheds would be demolished once the air compressor was moved to the TRWD Operations storage area next week. Mr. Frossard showed the Board photographs and a video of the former Texas Refinery remediation work. Work has commenced in filling the pit, however work has been slow due to rains, resulting in an increase in pumping charges. There are two areas left to treat but the project remains within budget. Next, Mr. Frossard noted that removal of more Class 1 waste than anticipated has resulted in waste disposal fees exceeding estimates. Finally, Mr. Frossard noted that the COFW has plugged the sewer main at the former McKinley/MMM/Airco site and approximately 200,000 tons of material has been removed.

2.

On behalf of the City of Fort Worth, Mr. Rademaker showed photographs of the construction phases of the Henderson Street and White Settlement Road bridges, abutments and walls. Mr. Rademaker noted that construction is now in Phase 3. Additionally, Mr. Rademaker noted that the gas service relocation on No Name Road is completed and No Name Road will tie into Shamrock Road. The roads will then be open for local business traffic.
D3.

Update on TRV-Gateway Park Master Plan

Mr. Rademaker next reported on the Gateway Park Master Plan. Due to recent heavy rains, some trail areas will need to be regraded and re-seeded. Handrails should be installed and finishes to structures complete at the South Overlook this month. The First Street Trail is complete. Mr. Rademaker showed photographs of the First Street Trail parking and trailhead. Next, Mr. Rademaker advised the Board that concrete is being installed at the Streams and Valleys Circle Trail. Additionally he noted that rip rap has been added to stabilize the overlook area. Although there may be insurance claims for flood damage, the project should be complete by its February scheduled completion date.

D4.

Update on TRV – Experience

1.

Next, Mr. Granger updated the Board on the structure of the TRVA and the history of the funding, contracting, sponsorships and cooperation with the COFW and Streams and Valleys on capital improvement projects and the community perception of the projects.

3.

Matt Oliver (TRWD, Recreation Communications Manager) next gave a TRWD 2015 Recreation Update. Mr. Oliver noted that the Trinity Trash Bash will celebrate its 25th year this fall. He also noted that attendance has tripled since 2011 with approximately 6,100 people attending the last Trinity Trash Bash. Early packet pick-ups are available for the event and the after party is now held at Panther Island Pavilion. In 2015 a Spring Trash Bash, with 3,100 people signed up, was added but was cancelled due to weather. Also, a Cobb Park Trash Bash was added
with over 600 people in attendance. Mr. Oliver noted the updated graphics and website for the event. Next, Mr. Oliver briefed the Board on the Adopt-A-Drain program which commenced in March of 2015. Currently, 107 drains have been adopted, with the most adoptions in downtown, TCU and the W. 7th Street areas. Individuals and businesses can personalize the plaques at the adopted drains. He showed the Board an example of an adopted drain plaque. Mr. Oliver noted the price to adopt a drain is $30 and the process is easy to complete. Next, Mr. Oliver updated the Board on the Trinity Trails Geocaching Adventure which commenced in April 2015. There are 30 caches on the trail which have been logged as found 2,438 times. Forty individuals have completed the geocaching tour. The geocaching website has had 13,240 visits. Finally, Mr. Oliver updated the Board on the recreation e-mail campaign noting that in February 2015 there were 1900 subscribers and there are currently 3,611 subscribers. The e-mail campaign covers topics such as upcoming events, trail safety, and new trail improvements.

2.

Rachel Navejar (TRWD, Neighborhood and Recreational Enhancement Coordinator) reported to the Board on the Lake Worth trail connection and enhancements to the trailhead. Ms. Navejar also noted that a half mile trail has been added on the Clearfork, near the former Lockheed Martin Recreation Area, to connect the loops. Additionally, she noted that the Mistletoe Heights pedestrian bridge, which will parallel the zoo train bridge, will connect Mistletoe Heights, Old University Drive and Rosedale Street to the Pappas restaurants and the Tilley Bridge. Lastly, Ms. Navejar noted that a new trail connection extension will connect Quanah Parker Park to the Richland Hills TRE station at Handley-Ederville Road and Highway 121. On behalf of Streams and Valleys, Ms. Navejar reported that the annual daffodil planting was completed. She also noted that the Seed Bomb Bike Ride attracted 80 riders to seed in native flowers and may become an
annual event. Lastly, Ms. Navejar noted that the Fort Worth Rowing Club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

D5.

The next TRVA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 3rd. Staff will confirm availability and quorum.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 P.M.

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President                          Secretary