

Dharma Rain Zen Center

Board of Directors Ad hoc Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2024

Present: Sam Murphy (3), Jean Renso Bond (3), Lindsay Pour (1), Zonnyo Riger (2), Kakumyo Lowe-Charde (A), Alice Chan (3)

Absent:, Carrie Schultz (2), Choten Robinson (1) , Alison Muchaku Dunfee (2)

Quorum: Met

The board held a brief meeting via Zoom to discuss a potential funding partnership with the Bird Alliance of Oregon and to vote on expanding the spending authorization for site analysis work required to submit a conditional use permit.

The BAO has been working on submission of a major Community Change Grant with the EPA for work on the property next to DRZC, and conversations between them and Kakumyo led to the idea of adding us as a partner to that grant. They have a full-time grant writer who has been working on this project for a year. Since we are not the grant writer it will not be as time consuming as other grants we have applied for, but a very tight timeline means that Kakumyo and staff will need to commit sometime this month.

If the grant is approved, it would significantly expand our ability to build the new classroom plus a Hondo as originally envisioned in the site plan.

Given the limited investment of staff time required and the potentially significant impact of the grant, the board was unanimously supportive. The board also unanimously approved a motion by Sam Murphy to authorize the expenditure of up to an additional \$6,000 for any work required to add the Hondo to our conditional use permit to allow construction if we are awarded the grant.

Submitted by Sam Murphy, Secretary