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Management Team Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2015 ~ 9:30 -10:30 a.m.
BAY 220
Minutes

Present: Sophia Wisniewska, Helen Levine, Han Reichgelt, Vivian Fueyo, Joe Trubacz, Chitra Iyer, Gardiner Tucker, Holly Kickliter, Gary Patterson, Bill Heller, Frank Biafora, Carol Hixson, Denelta Adderly-Henry, David Everingham, Deanna Michael

Absent: Cody Boyer, David Brodosi

Welcome/Updates by Sophia

- Design plans for the KTCOB by Harvard Jolly Architects are on schedule. The new (proposed) building received substantial press at the recent St. Pete Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting.
- Vivian is chairing the committee for the KTCOB Dean search. There are 45 applicants, resulting from the advertising, from market segment and from nominations. A Dean's Search Prospect Review meeting will be held on February 20th to review the applications.

Agenda Items

1. Mike Dove, Director of St. Pete Neighborhood Affairs, provided a comprehensive overview of the condition of our city's neighborhoods.

- Number of St. Pete neighborhoods – 83; 50 are "active," meaning they hold meetings and social events.
- 4,500 properties are in foreclosure
- 10% will turn in to "problem properties."
- He works to encourage banks to take on their responsibility to such properties. Legal action results upon banks which fail to comply.
- There are currently 740 boarded and vacant properties in the city.
- Current point of focus is Bartlett Park, which has a high rate of home ownership. USFSP is an anchor, helping to bring in buyers and home "rehabbers."
- The city needs help with leadership in the "MLK" area (9th Street South); it needs guidance and direction from community leaders like USFSP to help create change in this neighborhood.

2. Joe discussed Harbor Hall and the changes suggested by Vertical Integration, hired to deliver an innovative real estate solution to Harbor Hall's space issues. Purchased 5 years ago, Harbor Hall has been used primarily for social events as well as to house verbal and visual arts classes and faculty. Vertical Integration created a draft plan to better utilize the substantial space of the facility. Joe wants consensus from leadership

on the design ideas put forth. Carry forward funds will be used to implement the structural changes. Work will begin in the spring and is slated to be completed by the end of summer. Suggestions included:

- Create a dedicated gallery for displaying student art, which requires larger space. Place the graphic arts studio in a classroom.
- Possibility of a small 100-seat theater created from an existing storage closet.
- The Community Room will remain unchanged; it is a valuable space.
- Enlarge the print shop by closing in the loading dock.
- Move some Library collections to the 2nd floor climate-controlled vault. Special collections space is filled to capacity in the Library. Such a move would enable the growth capacity for new collections.
- A new roof is needed.

3. Chitra and Vivian will take on a new initiative out of Deputy Mayor Kanika Tomalin's office called Healthy St. Pete, designed to elevate the health of the St. Pete community through awareness, collective empowerment and community-wide commitment to the many healthy lifestyle options available in our city.

In 2012, Pinellas County conducted a community health assessment that identified several areas of need in our local public health system, including behavioral risk factors; poor nutrition and limited physical activity; obesity; chronic diseases such as cancer and health disease and demographic factors that unfairly impact access to affordable health care. Healthy St. Pete will work to help answer these needs with a boost to health-focused community engagement and a blend of public/private partnerships and collaboration.

Action: All are invited to join Kanika, Mayor Rick Kriseman and city officials for the kick-off event at noon on Wednesday, February 25 on the steps of City Hall. The launch will include a one-mile walk from City Hall through downtown.

On the Horizon

- Faculty and Staff Annual Awards Luncheon, Tuesday, March 10th at 11:30 a.m.
- Creation of a Student Academic Achievement Awards program