



**FOOTHILLS GATEWAY, INC.  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
March 2, 2015**

Present

Jim Disney  
Linda Drees  
Katie Fahrenbruch  
John Haley  
Tracy Katz  
BJ Russell  
Gregg Seebohm  
Romie Tobin  
Doris "Punkie" Whitely

Excused

Suzie Trethewey

Absent

Kendra Kettler

Guests

Service Agency  
Representatives, Staff,  
Parents & other interested  
parties

President Gregg Seebohm called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. welcoming and thanking staff and guests for attending. Gregg informed the attendees of Tim O'Neill's recent resignation and thanked Tim for his many years of service.

**Elected Official of the Year Award Presentation:**

John Haley presented one of the Elected Officials of the Year Award, on behalf of Foothills Gateway's Legislative Affairs Committee, to State Representative Brian DelGrosso. The Legislative Affairs Committee selected Representative DelGrosso as one of this year's Elected Official of the Year for his work on behalf of FGI and other organizations with regard to the ~~URL~~ URA/TIF issues. Representative DelGrosso spoke that although his bill was not signed by the Governor last year that another bill may be presented this year and he hopes that the Governor has stated that if it does pass and gets to his desk, that he will sign it.

John reported that Fort Collins City Councilman, Gerry Horak, was also selected as an Elected Official of the Year for his work on behalf of individuals with disabilities, more specifically to bring a covered bus stop at the corner of Skyway Drive and his award would be presented to him when he arrived.

**Presentation of Annual Report:**

Diana Foland presented the Foothills Gateway, Inc. Annual Report for 2014 and pointed out the report highlights stating that FGI is in good financial standing and continues to be proud of the low 8.5% administrative expense. The report also highlights several of the many programs and services that Foothills Gateway provides for individuals and families.

The above minutes are tentative until voted on and approved at the following month's board meeting.

### **"Why Try" Presentation:**

Nick Roussos and Audrey Hendricks spoke and presented on his goal and journey in writing his first children's book. He stated that he wanted to write about his experiences growing up in Africa and is also planning more books in the future. Nick also spoke and presented video clips on his many adventures in triathlons, horseback riding, snow skiing, water skiing and rafting.

### **Looking to the Future:**

Board member, John Haley reported on a directive coming from the federal and state government stating that the current system of services will need to change. Specifically, the system needs to have conflict free case management separate from direct services. Foothills Gateway will be working on this issue and is preparing responses to the State of Colorado in this area.

### **Adoption of Restated Articles of Incorporation:**

Brad March, FGI's corporate legal counsel, stated he has had the pleasure and privilege of working for Foothills Gateway for 30+ years and explained that when initially formed, the organization was set up as a membership corporation. Through the years, the participation of the members has declined and the need for the Board of Directors to be able to make decisions and take action on behalf of the organization in a timelier manner has prompted the desire to remove the membership component of the organization and the Articles of Incorporation. Brad presented a draft of the Second Restated Articles of Incorporation for the membership's approval.

### **M-S-C (Disney-Russell) Approved adopting the Second Restated Articles of Incorporation.**

### **Election of New Board Members:**

Katie Fahrenbruch, of the Executive/Nominating Committee, reported expired terms for the following Board Members: Jim Disney and Doris "Punkie" Whitely. Both Jim and Punkie have accepted the nomination for an additional 3 year term. The Committee has also met with and is recommending the addition of Linda Drees, as a returning Board Member.

President Gregg Seebom asked for any additional nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

### **M-S-C (Fahrenbruch-Russell) Accept the renewal of Jim Disney and Doris "Punkie" Whitely's Board memberships for additional 3 year terms and accepted the nomination of Linda Drees as a new Board Member.**

Gregg Seebom informed guests of any community members' ability to become a member of the Foothills Gateway, Inc. Operating Board if they are interested and stated that details and the application can be found online on the Foothills Gateway website.

**Slide Show Presentation:**

April Rikhoff presented the Foothills Gateway, Inc. annual slideshow to commemorate the past year.

**Adjournment:**

Gregg Seebohm announced that the Board would convene the regular March board meeting following a brief break.

**M-S-C (Whitely-Fahrenbruch) Annual meeting be adjourned.**

President Seebohm adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Punkie Whitely*

Punkie Whitely, Secretary