

## **Final Board Minutes June 18, 2006**

Present: Jeff Alworth, Kathleen Benz, Mary Woods, Anthony Kimple, Marci Roth, Steve Parker, Sally Alworth, Ephraim Miller.

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Check-in

### **AGENDA:**

1. Ongoing Visioning Item
2. Wheelchair ramp
3. Urban Center "Conditions" List
4. Charters
5. Discussion About Donations to Outside Groups
6. Use of Board Listserv

### **WHEELCHAIR RAMP**

#### **Background:**

The Board feels that the ideal situation would be for KCC to have a wheelchair ramp, but feels considerably uncomfortable with the liability issues around doing so without really being ADA compliant. While we ideally would be ADA compliant, at this property, at this time, it is not feasible. The lack of a wheelchair ramp is just one of many issues why this current property is not suitable to our needs, and points to the need for a new urban center.

The board considered several detailed ramp designs and spent about three months exploring making the current property ADA compliant. The board realizes that building a ramp (to code) contradicts our intention to move into a different dharma center in the future. It is not KCC's intent to financially invest in a substantial way in the current property. If for some reason, KCC decided that 73 Monroe would indeed be our permanent center, then we would explore retrofitting the building to be ADA accessible. This would involve resolving issues regarding doorways, bathrooms, etc. in order to meet the full scope of being to code.

This issue became more complex the more we explored it, and it was a difficult decision to make, as all of us would prefer to make our center available to everyone who wishes to come. Board members expressed personal regrets that this decision is not immediately satisfying even though, as an organization, it does align with KCC's current overall vision.

#### **Decision**

**After agreeing that this issue was our purview, the Board unanimously decided that KCC would not have a wheelchair ramp at this time.**

The Board will make a suggestion to Events and Retreats committees that KCC explore holding public events in ADA compliant facilities.

The Board also wanted to express their gratitude to Bob Harr for all of his hard work on the exploration of the wheelchair ramp.

### **SERVICE ANIMALS**

**The Board voted to amend the current policy concerning service animals and pets to say: No domestic animals are allowed at SCOL except Certified Service animals.**

### **CHARTER DISCUSSION Postponed**

### **OUTSIDE DONATIONS**

#### **Background:**

KCC received a letter from Karma Thegsum Choling, a Karma Kagyu Center in Arizona, soliciting support for a project at Karma Triyana Dharmachakra (the Woodstock, NY center that is the North American seat of His Holiness the Seventeenth Gyalwa Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje) to repair the roof on one of the old buildings there. The board discussed both the specific proposal, and whether or not KCC should adopt a policy about donations to other dharma centers.

One idea suggested was that we authorize an annual total amount in the budget for these items, with a cap on individual donations. There is no pressing need on this, however; this appears to be the first appeal to KCC.

#### **Decision**

**The board voted unanimously to approve expenditures of \$500 to Karma Triyana Dharmachakra, with the proviso that the appeal is a legitimate one and that the Program Council approves the donation.**

### **ONGOING VISIONING**

There was some discussion about how the Board might create a Leadership “strategy” due to both a general sense of malaise among leadership committees, and the coming changes in Michael’s time structure. There is a need for strengthening connections between us as a sangha and as a board.

The Board agreed to meet one night a month in addition to its monthly board meeting to discuss ongoing visioning and to strengthen those interpersonal connections.

#### **Dedication of merit.**

