

AGENDA MUSEUM COMMISSION February 11th, 2020 6:00 PM
Harding House, 4th & Court The Dalles, OR
This meeting will be conducted in a handicap accessible room.

Public comment : Individuals wishing to address the Museum Commission on items not already listed on the Agenda may do so during the first half-hour; please wait for the current speaker to conclude and raise your hand to be recognized by the Chair for direction. Speakers are required to give their name and address. Please limit comments to five minutes, unless extended by the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL: Elizabeth - Eric - Daliea - ~~Donna~~ - Mike - Loyal
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC & COMMENTS

Susan Buce and Carolyn Purcell, Discovery Center re: NAGPRA

Potential Commissioners

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on grounds report progress (see below)
- Policy review re: accepting items. Form created? (Cal)
- Change in landscape company **vote**
- Choose April date for cleaning of wagons

NEW BUSINESS:

- Initial budget meeting to be held March 12th at 4:30 pm
- Vote on Feb. meeting minutes **vote**
- Foundation discussion re: friendships

NEXT MEETING: AT THE PUD March 10th, 2020

2020 Commission-determined priorities by location:

<i>location</i>	<i>item</i>	<i>cost</i>	<i>owner</i>
SQ	Flooring “gook” in SQ needs assessment by Jason Hinkle	TBD	Cal
Gardener's Cottage	Restoration work needs to begin on the structure.	TBD	Eric
AH	Rotted wood repair and gutter replacement. Waiting for Landmarks meeting	\$5,000	Eric
A Barn	Some boards are in need of chinking, would keep things cleaner inside & expand storage.	TBD	Eric
Granary	Screens built to slow ingress of rodents & birds	TBD	Eric
Vehicle Bldg	re-siding building with board & batten (front only, incl. stain)	\$2,500 max	Loyal

	Waiting for Landmarks meeting		
Wooden Vehicle Shed	Give vehicles a light dusting & gentle cleaning w/ low-pressure air. Repel bugs/ birds/ rodents.	0	work party
Grounds	Signage for bells, vehicle buildings, former site of officers quarters, 1905 trees, grates, etc.	?	Eric?

**FORT DALLES MUSEUM/ANDERSON HOMESTEAD
FEBRUARY 2020 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
March 10, 2020, Museum Commission Meeting**

A financial report taken from the daily logs for the months of February:

Visitors: No paid Visitors. Museum Bookstore made \$0.00. There was \$530.00 in Friendship renewals and \$90.00 in donations made in February. Total Volunteer Hours for February 760.

1. Denise is expanding the Sorosis Club exhibit. She did a presentation on the Sorosis Club at the Original Wasco County Courthouse February season. I also gave talk on Camp Rufus at that series.
2. I am also working with the Oregon Historical Society to see if they information on the partnership between the two museums.
3. Fort Dalles Museum/Anderson Homestead was represented at the History After Hours at the Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Union Street. It was a great gathering of all the local Museums and gave everyone a chance to promote their Museums.
4. We are working with the Discovery Center regarding the Winquatt Collection and how to move ahead with it. Both Museums are working to understand and comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act which is outlined below:

Since 1990, Federal law has provided for the repatriation and disposition of certain Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. By enacting NAGPRA, Congress recognized that human remains of any ancestry "must at all times be treated with dignity and respect." Congress also acknowledged that human remains, and other cultural items removed from Federal or tribal lands belong, in the first instance, to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. With this law, Congress sought to encourage a continuing dialogue between museums and Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and to promote a greater understanding between the groups while at the same time recognizing the important function museums serve in society by preserving the past.

5. The storage areas in the upstairs of the Surgeon's Quarters are taking on a very professional look. Thanks to Mary Davis for insisting that the proper process be followed. We have had a new team of volunteers who have adopted the upstairs area and are following Mary's directions as to how things should be documented and stored.
6. Stephanie Abrams, a new volunteer, has taken on the huge challenge of indexing all the scrapbooks starting with Mrs. Benton-Mays scrapbooks. She is doing a page by page summary of every page and her goal is to eventually have all the scrapbooks indexed. This will be a huge service to be able to offer to people researching this area.
7. New Volunteer Coordinator Dewanda Clark has sent out a recruitment letter to the membership. She went on KODL with me last month and put in a plea for volunteers.
8. The toilets were replaced. Deco bid was \$2670.00. 2 Dogs bid was \$1200.00 but they were able to do the job for \$1041.00.
9. The cruise ship scheduled for March 18, (opening day) has been cancelled but then we got a call from Colonel Wright School from a 4th grade class that wants to visit that day, so we will have a group here for opening day.

Respectfully Submitted

Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson Homestead Commission
Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020

Northern Wasco Harding House

FDM/AH Commissioners present: Elizabeth Wallis, Eric Gleason, Daliae Thompson, Loyal Quackenbush, Mike Wacker

Commission Members absent and excused: Donna Lawrence

Others present: Mathew Klebes, Mike Middleton, Mary Davis, Sue Buce, Robin Miles, Denise Detrich-Bokum, Cal McDermid

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of the agenda: Eric Gleason asked the agenda be amended to include a discussion about the FDM/AH Foundation. Daliae made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, Eric Gleason seconded it, motion passed.

Sue Buce & NAGPRA: The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) is applicable to some items from the Wynquatt collection. The collection belongs to FDM, but has been on loan to the Discovery Center since 2000. Eric Gleason, who is assisting with cataloging the collection, shared his discoveries. Some items in 1971 were from one collector, some items are scientific, archeological finds, and some items are deteriorating due to original

condition and/or storage. There is no way to compare catalogs from the origin of the collection. Spectacular baskets are in the collection. There are numerous items that qualify to be repatriated. The Warm Springs and Yakima tribes are likely the major communities that would be involved in identifying and assisting the return of items that qualify for NAGPRA. The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center will need to coordinate with the appropriate representatives from the appropriate organizations and people to identify, document and return these items.

The FDM Commission needs to discuss and make a decision regarding how to handle the Wynquatt collection, and make a recommendation to Wasco County and the City of The Dalles. Mary noted the monetary value of the collection, and that the FDM/AH Commission may not want to relinquish ownership.

Potential Commission Member: Robin Miles introduced herself to the Commission. She explained she served eight years with Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. She is also volunteering at Home at Last. She misses being involved. She also has spent time on St. Mary's Board and currently works with the Victims Panel for Wasco County.

Treasurer's Report: No report was prepared.

Elizabeth, Daliea, Matthew and Cal will meet with Mike Tuesday, February 18 at 4:00 to discuss our preliminary budget.

Museum Directors Report: Attached

Dewanda Clark is the new volunteer coordinator. Cal reported we are doing well on donations and Friendship renewals. We have a bid to fix both bathrooms for \$2400.00 Elizabeth made a motion to solve the plumbing problems up to \$2400.00 Loyal seconded it. The motion passed.

Old Business

Update on grounds report progress:

Elizabeth will be at the Landmarks committee tomorrow to represent FDM/AHC on re-siding of the Vehicle Building and gutter replacement on the Anderson House.

Eric is building screens for the Granary.

Elizabeth would like to schedule a work date in April to get the wagons and carriages cleaned. Eric stated we may need to jack up each vehicle to rotate tires. Elizabeth will meet with Cal to coordinate a weekday date to get this accomplished.

Eric shared that staff need to look at where signage belongs around the grounds.

Elizabeth made a motion to approve \$2600.00 for Michael Byrnes Masonry to repair the Surgeon's Quarter's chimney. Loyal seconded it. Motion passed.

Policy review regarding accepting items:

Elizabeth found a draft policy from 2014 that was not formally adopted by the Commission. Elizabeth would like to create a moratorium on accepting donations. The group discussed ideas on how to keep accepting donations and to keep Cal focused on what works for the museum. Elizabeth stressed that Cal is the only individual authorized to accept donations.

New Business

Change in landscape company:

Loyal reported that we have a new bid from Mid Columbia Landscaping, LLC., as he is disappointed with FLI. Daliea made the motion to change landscaping companies. Elizabeth seconded it. Motion passed.

FDM/AH Foundation:

Eric attended the The Dalles Museum Foundation meeting as they had questions about their role. The group discussed different scenarios that could work for the partnership. One idea was to include a Foundation member at the public relation events around the annual fundraiser. Also to have the Foundation sign off on co fundraising documents. We need to continue to cooperate with the Foundation to collaborate on how to raise funds and attract volunteers.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved and accepted March 10th, 2020