

ANACORTES MUSEUM – ADVISORY BOARD and COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – January 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Lewis Jones. Present were: Gib Moore, Libby Walgamott, Dana Webb, Tom Kuhn, and Kay Reinhardt. Also attending were museum staff: Director, Bret Lunsford, Administrative Assistant, Linda Yerby and Curator of Collections, Elaine Walker. A voting quorum was fulfilled.

COLLECTIONS –

Lewis asked the committee for any input regarding the suggested items to be accessioned by Elaine. All suggested acquisitions were approved. A motion was made by Libby and seconded by Kay. The motion carried AIF.

The one recommended de-accession was a motion made by Gib and seconded by Dana to continue to offer to Anacortes Library books donated years ago, their titles cataloged, but the books were not eventually deemed germane to the mission of the museum. The motion carried AIF.

DIRECTOR – Bret

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS please refer to Bret's document titled HIGHLIGHTS 2019 & GOALS 2020 for information that may be of a more detailed nature than captured within these minutes. KR

- There is movement afoot with museum staff. Kate Clark has tendered her resignation. She is pursuing commissions in her field of work from San Diego. She will continue to reside in Anacortes but will be working on the commissions. She would like to volunteer, to her time allowances, on behalf of the museum.
- A speaker series is planned. Its focus is of broad appeal and broad scope; pulling in different ethnicities and genders within the historical record of Anacortes. Guest presenters will be featured.
- The Anacortes Eagles Hall is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- The boxcar at the Depot will be taken apart and salvaged by Skagit Steel. Once it has been removed the City/Port will conduct survey work at the Depot north area site, where the boxcar has been a presence for decades.
- The offer of purchase of the Anacortes Railway is ongoing. A memorandum of understanding has been reviewed and accepted by the Thompson family, which took into account of the intentions of

the buyers and the melding of the original intention of the founders of the train system. The M.O.U. also passed City council.

- Tangent to the above stated activities regarding the steam train, an organization has declared itself as an interested party to claim on the train. Not insofar as a claimant of an ownership status, but as interested in its being retained by the City. They have sent an official letter to Mayor Gere and council.
- *WT PRESTON'S* upkeep is the focus of a Washington Heritage capital grant project being submitted by the museum. The deadline is June 25, 2020. A 2/3 match for a guarantee of donor hard match at 1/3 meets criteria for applying. Although, some of the hard match can subsequently come in as In Kind donations. Focus is on treating decks to eliminate leaks and make sure that pathways through the boat, and or anything that has a public visitor safety implication is up to current codes.
- There was quite a bit discussed around the topic of the Port of Anacortes' proposed expansion within the Cap Sante basin. As this is still in design and public comment phase, the Advisory Committee wishes to stay within their scope of work advising the museum as citizens of the City on matters directly relating to the museum.
- There is a new Anacortes Museum Foundation website. Please visit.

ADJOURNMENT –

All items of business having been discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Reinhardt