

ANACORTES MUSEUM – ADVISORY BOARD & COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – February 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Lewis Jones. Present were: Libby Walgamott, Deane Brazos, and Kay Reinhardt. Also attending were Bret Lunsford, Museum Director, Linda Yerby, Administrative Assistant, and Elaine Walker, Curator of Collections.

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE –

Elaine has helped guide decisions on things to be acquired. All recommended acceptances were approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT –

- Iwan family proposal to acquire the steam train may soon be coming to City Council.
- At Depot, boxcar has been removed.
- Public restrooms will now become a Parks Department priority.
- Electricity to the train car shed is hoped for.
- A new ‘tuff shed’ of dimensions 10’ x 10’ to be placed in the Carnegie building alley is being planned for adjacent to the ‘lift’. Cost = \$3,500 delivered to site.
- Port Event Center is engaging the Museum to help with historic photographic elements and perhaps some other 3-dimensional items as well, once the center has been completed.
- L-Tac grant has been providing more expansion on the ability of the Museum to help the community engage in the ways that the old helps inform the new. A smart phone tour, a podcast, are all up-to-date ways that the collections possessed by the Museum are brought to life through new pathways.
- There is an ‘ask’ of the Museum to allow a private ceremony to take place in the gallery. This is involving two long-time Anacortes families’ sons & daughters, and forebears. An existing use of the facilities policy was discussed. It was concluded by Advisory Board members that the aims of the private party were in alignment with Museum mission and that going forward the existing policy does suffice to discourage typical perceptions of a venue being a ‘charter site’. The committee gave this a bit of serious discussion. Given the nature of the request, it helped to take stock of what the Museum means to the community.

ADJOURNMENT -

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Reinhardt