

ANACORTES MUSEUM – ADVISORY BOARD & COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE – May 7, 2019

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Lewis Jones. Attending were Gib Moore, Libby Walgamott, Deane Brazas, and Kay Reinhardt. Museum staff included Bret Lunsford, Linda Yerby and Elaine Walker. A voting quorum was fulfilled.

COLLECTIONS –

The recommended acquisitions were approved. AIF.

Elaine notified us that as the Friends of the Library book shop can, it will absorb donations from the recent group of donated reference books and works of collected literature that the museum won't be accessioning. They received 2 boxes and will accept more in phases as they get time to process them.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Bret

For the greatest level of detail, please retain your copy of the furnished document Bret provided at this meeting.

- Newspapering exhibit has been well received both for the Museum-setting exhibit, the History Club talk and a talk at the Library.
- LTAC funding is helping pay for updated brochures.
- A Webpage is being developed for plywood mill employees to interact with. This will inform a future exhibit.
- New 'historic postcards' are being designed and printed at How It Works. The Museum Foundation is funding the project.
- Pelican Bay Books is hosting art space for another tangent exhibit about newspapering that Bret will install. Art Walk June 7th will be its debut.
- At the Teen Film Fest the house was packed. A good sign indeed.
- Cross-museum-community ideas are being discussed with Orcas & Lopez museums.
- The artist in residency program focusing on the *WT PRESTON* begins July 1. Two artists will be residents, in staggered stages.
- Anacortes' Marineers' Pageant photos will be featured in the quarterly Columbia Magazine.
- Film editing is being done on the short documentary; by Corin Noronha about Bill Mitchell.
- The museum staff members are drafting a priority list of tasks to function as a 1-year & 5-year plan. These drafts will be reviewed by the advisory board at the June meeting.

The proposed July meeting is to be held at the Walgamott's home with a BBQ. The date is July 9th at 6:00.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted – Kay Reinhardt

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CURRENT

- Anacortes Historic Preservation Board update to City Council on May 28th
- Anacortes Museum Foundation continues review of MoA with City, by-laws

SPRING 2019

- Early Anacortes Newspapers exhibit opened March 13, included newspaper cover for the Anacortes American and a presentation at the Library
- Brochure and marketing campaign implemented with LTAC funding
- Webpage developed for plywood mill employees; focus for future exhibit
- Production of set of historic postcards
- Newspaper photo exhibit at Pelican Bay Books opens June 7th
- Teen Film Fest; full house for a museum movie screening
- Met with Parks Director, Project Manager and Samish Archivist to discuss historic interpretive signage at waterfront parks and trails locations
- Visited with Orcas museum and Lopez museum directors to discuss cross promotion and future collaboration
- PNW radio history presentation at the library featuring Feliks Banel. Feliks hosts a radio show on KIRO that promoted our events

SUMMER 2019

- Artist residency program begins in July
- History Club for volunteer researchers at the museum: 4th Wednesday at 4 pm
- Causland Memorial Park centennial planning – brochure design
- Oral history collection is a joint effort to inventory and make accessible
- Marines' Pageant photos will be featured in Columbia Magazine
- Continuing work on museum courtyard

ONGOING

- Bill Mitchell short documentary being filmed/edited by Corin Noronha.
- Planning discussions on Anacortes Mural Project continue
- Meetings with Guemes Island Historical Society to digitized presentation films
- Bret will serve on Port's North and west basin development advisory group.
- New Deed of Gift form, etc, being reviewed by City Attorney.
- Museum staff collaboratively drafting a prioritized list of action items – this will function as 1 and 5 year plan(s), reviewed by advisory board at next meeting.
- Planning, research and design for photographers exhibit, now Winter 2020