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OF BROWN COUNTY



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a meeting of the **Brown County Neville Public Museum Governing Board** was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, Wisconsin

PRESENT: Kevin Kuehn, Erik Hoyer, Tom Sieber, Sandy Juno, Kramer Rock, and Terri Trantow
ALSO PRESENT: Louise Pfothenhauer, James Peth, Kevin Cullen, Kasha Huntowski, and Beth Lemke

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Chairman Kuehn called the meeting to order at 4:34PM. Chair Kuehn welcomed new member Neville Public Museum Foundation Chair Terri Trantow to the committee.
2. APPROVE/MODIFY AGNEDA

Motion made by Erik Hoyer and seconded by Tom Sieber to approve the agenda.
Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Collection Manager Update: Museum Director Lemke asked Collections Manager Louise Pfothenhauer to present to the committee the Neville Public Museum's role and responsibility in regards to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that became Public Law 101-601 on November 16, 1990.

Collections Manager Pfothenhauer shared the following: The Neville Public Museum of Brown County is an accredited cultural institution that champions history, science and art. Located in downtown Green Bay, Wisconsin, the museum is dedicated to the collection and preservation of significant objects relevant to Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The museum seeks to bridge these multi-generational regional communities, through engaging exhibitions and dynamic programs.

Additionally, the purpose of the Museum's Repatriation Policy is to advance both Museum and community relationships with native peoples and to provide guidelines for compliance with federal law embodied in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (Public Law 101-601). It is intended to serve as both a guide and a tool in the advancement of cultural sensitivity. By its nature, this is a flexible document which should be reviewed and revised on a regular basis. The last time the policy was reviewed was in 2006.

Museum Director Lemke stated that this presentation to the Museum Governing Board provided a review to the policy as well as the Museum Code of Ethics cited in the document. Subsequent Governing Board meetings will continue to highlight staff work and responsibilities to the collection of Brown County.

Numerous questions were asked and discussion ensued; Sandy Juno requested an annual report to be provided to the committee. Museum Director Lemke acknowledged this request and agreed that an annual report would be an appropriate manner to update the committee and community.

4. Museum Directors Report. Museum Director Lemke was happy to report programming is 2016 is fully underway now that we have all of the positions filled. Staff retooled Explorer Saturday programming, brought back the successful Winter Warm Up Music at the Museum, launched Exhibits Exposed a personalized museum experience in January and Hard Core History a traditional program based on audience survey request.

Museum Director Lemke also stated museum partnerships and networks are growing—these include Brown County Federation of History Museums, Heritage Hill, Cats Anonymous, Bay Area Humane Society, NEW Zoo, Parks and HWY departments. Future months will bring updates specifically to Parks and public archaeology programming.

It was reported that 2016 promotions have a greater focus on the Neville's strategic message of Bridging Communities, Connecting Generations while reestablishing lost/broken networks, developing new strategic network partners such as the work with the Feline Fine exhibit and with some exhibit specific promotions. WFRV is the media sponsor for Ice Age Imperials, Eyes on the Sky NE WI Astronomy and Holiday Memories. WBAY is the media sponsor for Life and Death at Fort Howard.

Museum Director Lemke announced the last phase of the funding plan Visitor Experience and Architectural Exhibition Master Plan that was unanimously approved at the July 2014 Education and Recreation Committee Meeting is progressing forward. Purchasing has provided a timeline that has vendor selection compete by the end of April 2016. The vendor selected for this project will develop the conceptual design for an integrated, immersive, and flexible exhibition experience for Neville Public Museum visitors.

Additionally, the vendor is charged with reviewing all existing exhibition spaces and developing an architectural design of all exhibit and exhibit related areas including audio-visual or interactive components. This exhibition master plan supports the Museum's Strategic Purpose of Bridging Communities and Connecting Generations. Discussion ensued; staff was commended on the process and encouraged to continue capturing data to share with the board, full support of the project was noted.

2016 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Monday, April 11, 2016
Monday, May 9, 2016
Monday, June 13, 2016
Monday, July 11, 2016
Monday, August 8, 2016
Monday, September 12, 2016
Monday, October 10, 2016
Monday, November 14, 2016
Monday, December 12, 2016

5. Such other matters as authorized by law:

Next meeting of the Neville Public Museum Governing Board will be **Monday, March 14, 2016 at 4:30pm.**

6. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made at 5:33PM by Erik Hoyer and seconded by Kramer Rock.
Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY