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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, July 11, 2016 at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, Wisconsin

PRESENT: Kevin Kuehn, Kramer Rock, Sandy Juno, Erik Hoyer and Tom Sieber

ALSO PRESENT: Fox 11 Ben Krumholz, Kathy Lefebvre, Louise Pfothenhauer, Kasha Huntowski, Kevin Cullen and Beth Lemke

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Chairman Kuehn called the meeting to order at 4:34PM.

2. APPROVE/MODIFY AGNEDA

Motion made by Erik Hoyer and seconded by Kramer Rock to approve the agenda.

Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Museum Director Report. Museum Director Lemke asked Collections Manager Louise Pfothenhauer to provide the background of the repatriation request from the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin. Museum Collections Committee and Museum Director Lemke recommended repatriation in compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43CFR 10.

Motion made by Erik Hoyer and seconded by Sandy Juno to approve the deaccession and proceed forward with the repatriation request of one nearly complete skeleton of 35-50 year old male Native American and thirty-three potsherds [object number 6360/1980.59 (530/277)] to the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin.

Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made by Tom Sieber and seconded by Kramer Rock to approve the deaccession and proceed forward with the repatriation request of a partial skeleton of adult, possibly female, probably native American and thirty-eight pot sherds (object number 1300/258) to the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made by Erik Hoyer and seconded by Tom Sieber to approve the deaccession and proceed forward with the repatriation request of a partial skeleton of a 35-50 year old Native American and one copper point, one antler flaker, and one vial with bone fragments and red ocher stained sand (object number NPM 33) to the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made by Sandy Juno and seconded by Tom Sieber to approve the deaccession and proceed forward with the repatriation request of a vertebrae, hand and foot bones, ribs, radius fragment, sternum, temporal bone, and part of a mandible from at least one adult Native American (no object number) to the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin and the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion ensued. Tom Sieber and Erik Hoyer asked about the specific repatriation plans. Louise Pfothenhauer stated that the action taken by the Board allows her to start the conversation. Tom Sieber and Erik Hoyer both shared that if there was to be a ceremony that was open to the public they would like to attend. Museum Director Lemke stated that she would report at future Governing Board meetings status updates of the repatriation plans. Chairman Kuehn asked if there would be other requests coming to the Board. Louise

Pfotenhauer stated yes likely, so due to a slight change in the federal law in 2013 and notices the Neville Public Museum shared in late 2015.

Museum Director Lemke gave an overview and provided Board Members copies of the Pre-Design Diagrams and Explanations of the Visitor Experience and Architectural Exhibition Master Plan from Triad Creative Group. She also provided the next steps in the process to continue towards the fall 2016 completion date of the final report.

Discussion ensued; staff was commended on the process. Staff was also directed to continue capturing current visitor comments as well as solicit more public comments to share with the consultants to incorporate into the final document. Museum Director Lemke stated she and Foundation Director Huntowski had a plan in place to gather more public comments after museum staff had the opportunity to voice their opinions.

4. Museum Deputy Director Report. Deputy Director Cullen provided an update on the instillation of *Eyes on the Sky* astronomy exhibit opening Saturday, July 16th.

Deputy Director Cullen updated on the 5/20 and 5/21 Public Archaeology Programming. Over the course of the 2 days, 3 survey grids were collected with a total area of 5,433 cubic feet. The depth that the GPR was looking was just over 6 feet deep. After processing the data, it was clear that there is large amount of disturbance in the first 2 feet or so, likely from the past hundred years of railroad activity. However, below 2 feet things got interesting.

Around three feet below the surface, a series of anomalies appeared in all of the survey grids we collected. Once the grids were stitched together at the same depth, a pattern emerged that strongly points to these anomalies as being human-made and possibly associated with the historic Fort Howard. At this time, we cannot confirm that what the GPR is showing us is the fort but if there was to be a controlled archaeological excavation, we can recommend an exact location to dig. An excavation would prove if what we are seeing are the remains of wall foundations or something else. With the permission of Brent Weycker, and during the youth archeology summer camp Deputy Director Cullen continued surveying the area behind Titledown Brewery in order to piece together a much larger understanding of Fort Howard. His work is ongoing and his report will be submitted to the Office of the State Archaeologist in Madison, WI to add to the existing archeological record.

5. Such other matters as authorized by law:
Foundation Director Huntowski updated the Board on the background and logistics of how the Neville Team plans to capture current public interest on the Pokémon Go phenomenon. From Pokemon's March press release: "Explore cities and towns around where you live and even around the globe to capture as many Pokémon as you can.... Also look for PokéStops located at interesting places, such as public art installations, historical markers, and monuments, where you can collect more Poké Balls and other items." The Neville Public Museum is surrounded by nine beacons and on Wednesday, July 13th will be utilizing social media to Tweet & Facebook post that *lures* will be coming from the museum around the museum markers. Staff will monitor, record, evaluate what happens, and report out at the next meeting.

2016 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Monday, August 8, 2016

Monday, September 12, 2016

Monday, October 10, 2016

Monday, November 14, 2016

Monday, December 12, 2016

Next meeting of the Neville Public Museum Governing Board will be **Monday, August 8, 2016 at 4:30pm.**

6. Adjournment. Chairman Kuehn called the meeting to an end at 5:33 PM. Motion made by Kramer Rock and seconded by Sandy Juno to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.