

ANACORTES MUSEUM – ADVISORY BOARD & COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE – April 2, 2019
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Lewis Jones. Present were: Libby Walgamott, Deane Brazas, Gib Moore, Tom Kuhn and Kay Reinhardt. A voting quorum was established. Elaine Walker, Bret Lunsford and Linda Yerby, all staff of the Museum, also attended.

APPROVAL of MINUTES – March 5, 2019

The minutes were approved. AIF.

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE –

The inventory sheet, (please refer to your copy) had 8 recommended accessions listed, and two recommended declines listed. The collections committee voted AIF to accession the items recommended. Staff will take care to manage the declined items' return to donors.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Bret

The meeting went a little differently, as Bret acknowledged, due to the urgent issue of responding to the incoming artifacts owned previously by the late Bill Mitchell. As there is expected to be some future accession opportunities from Mr. Mitchell's extensive collections, Bret asked the board for their advise on the unfolding need to respond that will be required of museum staff. This was discussed at some length. With a reference to the To Do List that the museum director and staff have planned, Bret wanted the advisory board to be clear eyed about the potential for disruption of those timelines in order to respond to incoming artifacts. The board is of the conviction that this is a time of great delicacy and import, and that the many contributions made on the town's behalf by Mr. Mitchell, are to be revered and with that in mind, so are all negotiations with his estate. Some of the current considerations for use of staff time responding are:

- Proclamation of May 3, 2019 as the first Bill Mitchell Day, and hence forward.
- Establishing with City owners of murals that the City maintains, numbering 19.
- Murals the Museum Foundation bought that have a fund for stewardship.
- Establishing title for other murals in the city.
- Book about Bill Mitchell.
- Reenactment theatre at murals as walking tour experience.
- Working intra-organization with Anacortes Historical Society and Museum Foundation on these ideas.

In other business: Bret announced the sunseting of the Anacortes Railway Foundation. What will be the use of the train shed, therefore? The Depot Plan and Cap Sante Boat Basin Plan are on hold, yet again.

BYLAWS DISCUSSION –

The board discussed looking into our bylaws again for a refresher. Looking into board terms, rules and responsibilities and seeing if anything needs revising is a good idea at this time. This will be taken up at the next month's board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Reinhardt