

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Lewis Jones. Attending were: Libby Walgamott, Dana Webb, Tom Kuhn, Deane Brazas, Gib Moore and Kay Reinhardt. Museum staff Bret Lunsford, Director and Linda Yerby, Administrative Assistant were also present. A voting quorum was fulfilled.

COLLECTIONS –

Lewis asked for any further deliberations of the recommended accessions noted by Elaine Walker, Curator of Collections. It was agreed that all noted items recommended fit the collections parameters. A group of items that more properly fits Cordova, Alaska were deemed out of the mission and an effort would be made to notify an appropriate organization in order to transfer them. The Collections Committee voted All in Favor to receive the recommended items.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

- Bret is now working closely with the estate of Bill Mitchell in order to assure a good pathway to helping preserve the murals Bill and his staff artists created. With the Museum Foundation and the City working on a Memorandum of Agreement, which the Museum Foundation has formally endorsed, it may be possible to create a realistic plan for ownership and maintenance of the murals. The concepts are not simple insofar as the totality of the mural body of work. There are over 140 pieces. With some murals having come into being due to sponsor funding, those relationships must be honored. The City owns some. The Museum would steward, the City would own and the Museum Foundation handle funds for preservation and restoration. An ambitious but highly realistic plan is to expense \$60,000 over 5 years. This would be in the form of a grant application for L & I Tax revenues. \$20,000 used the first year and then \$10,000 each subsequent year to hire conservators. A Museum aid position would be paid for with these funds at around \$8,700 for a 20/hours per week employee to handle special event coordination, cell phone tour, podcasts and web development to feature the murals and their specialness to Anacortes. The web site would solicit donations to the fund. This idea has not been green lighted by the City as of yet, but there is encouragement to continue to develop it.
- The steam train has an offer of purchase from Lincoln, California. The offer seems like a solid effort by the potential buyer to run the train, with the attraction titled Anacortes Railway. So far

the family of Tommy Thompson is in favor of selling to the party offering to buy. The Advisory Board discussed the idea and reached consensus in favor of the idea going forward.

- The boxcar at the Depot will be emptied this winter and things will be divested of or stored for a brief period at the Maritime Heritage Center.
- The future of the train shed is not being thought through at present. City Parks Department is shortly commencing preparations of that portion of the Depot plaza for the construction of a public restroom.
- Washington State Heritage Capitol Project funds statewide help for major work on antiquities such as the *WT PRESTON*. It could help maintenance costs for boom rigging, deck weather proofing and general overall upkeep. The Museum is applying for such funding.
- Senior College will feature Bret for three weeks (3 sessions) held at the Croatian Club in panel participation talks about music, food, ship building, and fishing; all relating to our sister city, Vela Luka.
- Libby wished to boost membership in the Museum Foundation by reminding the board that we should all be members. We agree!

ADJOURNMENT –

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Reinhardt