

Old Fort Steering Committee Minutes

March 12, 2012

Present: Beth LaShell, Chairman; Tobin Follenweider, SLB; Barbara Harris, FLC Foundation;; Richard Miller, Executive Director for Research, Planning, and Assessment, Roy Horvath, Staff; Kalen Elliott, Community Heidi Baskfield , FLC Trustees

Absent: Mike Kelly, ASFLC; Cynthia Dott, Faculty

Guests: Mitch Davis

Meeting materials distributed: Agenda, Feb 20th minutes; Draft FAQ document

The meeting was convened in the Cascade room at 4:00 pm.

Introductions and Announcements

Public comment (5 minutes/ speaker) None

Approval of February 20th minutes

Tobin moved to approve the minutes, Roy 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Meeting Dates: 2012 dates are March 26th, April 16, April 30th

Old Fort Website: www.fortlewis.edu/oldfort ; As approved, minutes are added to website.

Proposal for Non-Academic Use. Heidi and Fred have nearly completed the use guidelines which will be included with application. **Update: Fred completed the guidelines on March 14th to allow Buffalo Council to appropriately apply for use of the Old Fort during their buffalo feast.**

Infrastructure

Water and Sewer System

The Capital Construction committee designated the water and sewer system as a priority number one project. Mark Gutt will prepare an interview questionnaire for selected engineers. The engineers will include the three that have worked with the water treatment experts that Beth has been talking with. They include Rick Johnson, Steve Harris and Mike Hannigan.

Electrical System –

No update

Response to Buffalo Council Document

Fred K has reviewed the final documents and a copy was distributed to the committee. After discussion, the committee made three recommended changes. ***Richard moved to endorse the letter and FAQ document as amended. Kalin 2nd. Motion carried.*** The letter and document will be sent via email to the Buffalo Council by Wednesday, March 23rd. Once it has been sent, the FAQ document will be made available on the Steering Committee website.

Identifying Academic programs

Beth met with Barbara Morris and Maureen Brandon to discuss the question from the committee:

-*What is the process for adding programs?* New or expanded programs must come from the faculty. New courses would need to follow the curriculum process while additions to laboratories or internship opportunities could be more easily added.

- *Do programs define academics or academics define programs at the Old Fort?* Academics guide resources

-*What are your thoughts on the Field Station designation?* Not familiar with opportunities it would offer. If there is a planning grant available, it would be a good idea.

-*What programs do you think would be easiest to incorporate into the Old Fort?* Biology, Engineering, Physics, Environmental Studies, GIS, Public Land Management

-*What ideas do you have for support of off-campus activities such as the Old Fort?* Creating an endowment for Old Fort field trips and internships by working with the FLC foundation. Barbara has created similar endowments at other institutions and believes there are donors that would support it. Other ideas include reallocating existing OC and using revenue generating activities from Old Fort for support.

Dr. Barbara Morris is planning on attending the March 26th meeting after 5 pm.

Revenue Generation

Draft of revenue generation document has not been sent to the Financial Feasibility committee.

Beth has talked with Steve McClung, new regional manager for CO Parks and Wildlife about possible partnerships with Fort Lewis College which could result in revenue generation for hunting. He has spoken with Patt Dorsey and they are still formulating ideas. Meanwhile, they are interested in conducting youth hunts on the property during off-season and other educational programs.

Update: They will be completing an application for non-academic use form for their educational programs.

Community member update:

Roy presented the draft email to the committee for additional comments. Once the FAQ document is released on the 14th, it will be attached to the email. The committee decided that the email should come from the Steering Committee since the Old Fort Feasibility Committee has finished its work.

New Business

Signs

Beth would like to pursue placing two signs along Hwy 140. Barbara suggested that the signs include phone number. Committee agreed that we should pursue signage.

Evaluation of current projects

Beth would like to prepare a summary of all current revenue generating projects at the Old Fort for the committee to review.

Richard moved to adjourn the meeting. Barbara 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Next Meeting topics. Continue discussion of topics