

Old Fort Steering Committee Minutes

June 12, 2012

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

Absent: ; Tobin Follenweider, SLB; Cynthia Dott, Faculty; Mike Kelly, ASFLC;

Guests: Ed Hamrick (AG Office), Dene Thomas

Meeting materials distributed: Agenda, May 7th and May 21st minutes

The meeting was convened in the Cascade room at 8:30 am.

Introductions and Announcements

The Durango Herald completed a 4-part series focusing on the Native American tuition waiver and the Old Fort property. The links to the series are:

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20120603/NEWS01/706039897/1001/Past-campus-presents-new-possibilities-for-FLC/A-historic-promise>

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20120603/NEWS01/706039895/1001/Past-campus-presents-new-possibilities-for-FLC/Milestones-in-the-history-of-Fort-Lewis-College>

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20120606/NEWS01/706069915/1001/Past-campus-presents-new-possibilities-for-FLC/Proposed-uses-for-Old-Fort-property>

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20120605/NEWS01/706059914/1001/Past-campus-presents-new-possibilities-for-FLC/Seeking-stability-in-FLC-tuition-waiver>

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20120606/NEWS01/706069883/1001/Past-campus-presents-new-possibilities-for-FLC>

Public comment (5 minutes/ speaker)

Approval of May 7th and May 21st minutes – Heidi moved to approve both sets of minutes. Roy 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Meeting Dates: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 26th at 11:30 am. Beth will send out an Outlook meeting request. We will decide at the next meeting if we will schedule a meeting in July or August.

Old Fort Website: www.fortlewis.edu/oldfort continues to be updated.

Proposal for Non-Academic Use.

CSU Extension has submitted an application for two Backyard Food Production workshops (July 10th and July 31st) from 6- 8 pm. Beth approved use and their COI is on file.

Infrastructure

Water and Sewer System

Russell Engineering continues to work on the design for an updated water and sewer system. They should have a report available by our next meeting. The State Land Board is still waiting on the waiver to carry the \$70,000 contribution over to 2013.

Board of Trustees- Old Fort subcommittee update

Dene Thomas has met with CSU President, Tony Frank and had very positive conversations. The Board of Trustees will have a retreat in August and will make a trip to the Old Fort. The retreat is August 1-3.

Signage:

Beth presented different information that could be included on highway signs. The committee directed he to include Old Fort at Hesperus along with address, phone and website

Memorandum of Agreement update

Ed Hamrick has replaced Amy Stengel as the AG office representative. The State Land Board commissioners would like to include longterm expectations of both parties in a whereas clause. Roy Horvath moved to approve the following statement :

“WHEREAS, Fort Lewis College intends to work with the State Land Board on a long-term basis to maintain use of the Old Fort property to support academic uses, the following MOA follows that intent.”

Motion 2nd by Kalen. Motion carried.

Dene and Heidi will take the statement to the Board of Trustees for approval. We will review the final MOA at the next meeting and send it to both boards for approval.

Update: FLC Board of Trustees approved the statement

Roy ask if hunting lease/access by FLC should be included in the MOA. Since the MOA can be amended and it does allow for changes in permitted uses, it doesn't need to be included. Beth will invite Patt Dorsey , DOW representative to the September meeting to discuss options.

New Business

Forest Management Update

Kent Grant, CO State Forest Service has received requests for cutting oak on the property. Last year, 5-6 permits were issued to previous users at \$ 0 cost. Permit holders usually cut about 1-2 cords of oak in designated areas in late summer and early Fall. Should we charge for the permits and allow additional permits? The committee believes it is important to manage the oak brush but it would involve additional users on the East side of the highway.

Additionally, he reported that ERI had asked to do another prescribed burn this summer. Due to a change in the State Agency in charge, the Forest Service is no longer in charge of them. Additionally, with the high fire danger, it will probably not occur this year. He wanted input from the committee. Kalen ask that we get a copy of the forest management plan to review.

Update: Beth has sent a request to Kent for a copy of the Forest Management plan

Richard moved to adjourn the meeting. Heidi 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am