

Old Fort Steering Committee Minutes

Dec 5, 2011

Present: Beth LaShell, Chairman; Roy Horvath, Staff; Tobin Follenweider, SLB; Kalen Elliott, Community; Heidi Baskfield, FLC Trustees; Barbara Harris, FLC Foundation; Cynthia Dott, Faculty

Absent: ; Mike Kelly, ASFLC

Guests: Amy Stengel, AG Counsel; Emery Cowan, Durango Herald

Meeting materials distributed: Agenda, Nov 18th minutes, Valerie Borge Email

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

Introductions and Announcements

None

Public comment (5 minutes/ speaker)

None

Approval of November 18th minutes

Heidi moved to approve the minutes, Kalen 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Meeting Dates: 2012 dates in January and February are set for Jan 9th, Jan 23rd, Feb 6th and Feb 20th. Both Tobin and Kalen have a conflict on Jan 9th so we'll need to reschedule at next meeting. Heidi will provide the committee with a conference call number for those who need to join the meetings via phone.

Old Fort Website: www.fortlewis.edu/oldfort

As approved, minutes are added to the website. The Archeological Survey conducted with State Historic Fund monies has been added. Beth is waiting on copy of approved Southwest Conservation Corp lease.

Proposal for Non-Academic Use.

Valerie Borge's email was distributed to committee. College is able to take credit cards as a damage deposit with certain guidelines.

Heidi is working on a draft copy of a written agreement that could be used. Roy sent her some really good examples that she'll use as a guide.

Beth is still waiting for clarification related to potential damage to property and facilities by academic use from Terry Richardson, Risk Management. We'd like to add a statement to proposal relative to which FLC's non academic uses would be covered by FLC's insurance.

The committee would like to have the proposal ready for distribution in January.

FLC Temporary Access Lease and MOU with SLB - Memorandum of Agreement Draft

Amy submitted a lease termination agreement to CSU this week. She hopes to have it signed by CSU in two weeks.

Amy will make all changes discussed at last meeting and circulate a copy to committee. It will also need to be circulated to staff in SLB. Fred Kulwilm (FLC legal counsel) will need to look at it as well. Amy will get a copy to Fred.

Heidi would work on a process flow chart for SLB and FLB BOT that outlines what needs to happen annually related to this agreement. Suggestions include creating a yearly work plan that outlines improvement and revenue sources.

Infrastructure

Water and Sewer System

Roy made contact with Rege Leach, Division of Water Resources and he confirmed our previous findings that we would need to go to water court if we drilled a new well.

Heidi, Roy and Beth have been in conversation with Matt Wassam, FLC Board of Trustee who has expressed an interest in assisting with this project. After reviewing the Goff Engineering report, he is doing some research on alternative methods to complete the project with less of a financial burden.

SLB requires that county land use codes are followed and San Juan Basin Health will need to determine water quality meets code requirements.

Update: Matt's suggest that we contact local treatment companies and have them look at system to give us bids for upgrading it. His memo is attached to Dec 19th agenda.

The committee would like to make a recommendation to the Old Fort Financial Feasibility Committee by January.

Electrical System

No updates received from LPEA or Rural Development.

Equipment Lease with CSU

Kalen Elliott reiterated that we need to continue working on obtaining the equipment.

Heidi will add the topic to the BOT Old Fort Subcommittee agenda. Questions will likely include what is the future use of the equipment and will the money need to come from reserves? **Update: Beth provided the BOT with a list of the equipment with valuations from Fall, 2010. Will distribute at Dec 19th meeting.**

Other ideas for funding the purchase include working with the FLC Foundation. Barbara Harris will talk with Jim Foster about the possibility. Roy Horvath suggested that if we pursue hunting revenue it could be used to pay for equipment. He also suggested that we could sell items if they aren't needed.

Designating Special Use Areas

Heidi contacted Karen Wilde, FLC Board of Trustees member and National Park Service representative for San Creek. She suggested we work with Terry Knight who has been designated to represent 47 tribes, including the Ute Mt Utes.

Tobin reported that he has not received a written response from Buffalo Council.

Update: Bobby Abshire delivered the Buffalo Council document to the committee after adjournment. It was also distributed to BOT on Friday, Dec 9th. A committee of Tobin, Heidi, Amy, Beth and Mitch Davis are working on a response. They plan to complete it in January.

New Business:

Heidi announced the Board of Trustee's Old Fort subcommittee will meet on Thurs, Dec 8th from 2:30-3:30 in the President's conference room. Member of the committee include Dene, Heidi, Karen Wilde, Peter Decker and Matt Wassam. She will update them on our progress with MOA, Proposal for non-academic use and equipment.

Tobin has been asked to attend the Capital Development Committee meeting on Dec 6th in Denver to address questions about the Old Fort property. J. Paul Brown (SW CO representative) is on the committee. Heidi will also attend along with Dene Thomas and Steve Schwartz from FLC.

Next Meeting topics. Continue discussion of topics

Adjourn 5:00 pm