

Old Fort Steering Committee Minutes

Dec 19, 2011

Present: Beth LaShell, Chairman; Roy Horvath, Staff; Tobin Follenweider, SLB; Barbara Harris, FLC Foundation; Mike Kelly, ASFLC

Absent: Cynthia Dott, Faculty; Kalen Elliott, Community; Heidi Baskfield, FLC Trustees;

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

Meeting materials distributed: Agenda, Dec 5th minutes; Equipment valuations

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

Introductions and Announcements

None

Public comment (5 minutes/ speaker)

None

Approval of December 5th minutes

Tobin moved to approve the minutes, Roy 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; Beth will send an email to see if Fri, Jan 13th is an option.

Update: Request was been sent to committee members. Meeting moved to Jan 13th from 4-6 pm.

Old Fort Website: www.fortlewis.edu/oldfort

As approved, minutes are added to the website. Beth is waiting on copy of approved Southwest Conservation Corp lease.

Update: Kit Page indicated he is waiting to receive signed copy from SCC before sending us a copy.

Proposal for Non-Academic Use.

No update on written agreement. Heidi needed to attend the JBC meeting with Dene Thomas and Steve Schwartz so was unable to attend meeting. The committee would still like to have the proposal ready for distribution in January.

Clarification from Terry Richardson (FLC Risk Management):

Here is some information for you from our insurance broker:

RSOs and approved academic programs are provided with insurance coverage, including property damage insurance.

Certificates of insurance (COIs) are required for all non-FLC users.

COIs must include the College as an additional insured on the General Liability section and include a waiver of subrogation on the Workers' Compensation section.

Minimum levels of insurance are: General liability of \$1,000,000 per event & \$2,000,000 aggregate; \$1,000,000 auto; \$500,000 workers' comp; Umbrella at \$4,000,000 (minimum).

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

Amy distributed a copy of the latest MOA to committee. We still need to answer "How are decisions made for the property?". Heidi is still working on a process flow chart for SLB and FLB BOT that outlines what needs to happen annually related to this agreement.

The BOT will meet in February and the SLB Board will meet January 5th and 6th. Tobin would like to present draft MOA to his board for comments at the January meeting. The committee would like to have the agreement approved by both parties by March.

Update: The Steering Committee will refer the draft to the Financial Feasibility Committee which will refer it to the President for approval. The President would then submit it to the BOT for approval.

Termination Agreement with CSU

Amy submitted a lease termination agreement to CSU but there have been some new developments.

Heidi's email: Rep Sonneberg and Sen Roberts are working to help us get CSU to cover some portion of the capital improvements as well as give us the remaining equipment in return for their having failed to fulfill certain lease terms.

They (Sonneberg and Roberts) have scheduled a meeting with CSU President Frank. CSU will sign over the capital improvement asset to State Land Board. Tobin would like to have a list of capital improvements needed for the property. A quick list compiled by the committee are: domestic water and sewer, upgrade electrical system on North end of old campus; and building stabilization

Infrastructure

Water and Sewer System

Alternative treatment systems

An email from Matt Wassam, FLC Board of Trustee who has expressed an interest in assisting with this project, was distributed. He has identified two local water treatment companies that may be able to assist us with the domestic water system. The committee ask Beth to contact them and see if they would be willing to give us a bid for upgrading the system.

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

Update: Beth contacted the two local water treatment companies and set up onsite meetings for Jan 6th and Jan 10th.

Electrical System

No updates received from LPEA or Rural Development.

Equipment Lease with CSU

Report from Old Fort Subcommittee – BOT

No report

Foundation

Barbara Harris reported that she talked with Jim Foster via phone about assisting with the equipment purchase. While he thinks it is a good idea, the Foundation doesn't have the money to do it right now. His suggestions included selling off the equipment we don't need to assist with the purchase.

The Foundation Board meets monthly and Barbara would like for Beth to go to the next meeting and assist her with an update.

Update: Beth and Barbara will attend the next Foundation Board meeting on

Roy Horvath also reiterated that if appropriately crafted, we might be able to use hunting revenue to assist with purchase.

Designating Special Use Areas

No update.

Response to Buffalo Council Document

Tobin, Heidi, Amy, Beth and Mitch Davis are working on a response that will be a joint document from both the State Land Board and Fort Lewis College. They plan to complete it in January.

New Business:

Historical Video Project

Roy Horvath has been approached by Tony Corono, Animas High School, about doing a student-based project on the history of the Old Fort. A lot of the information would be readily available from the Center of Southwest Studies and the Old Fort website. Roy will find more information about the project and Beth is willing to meet with the group in January if necessary. The group would have its final presentation in March.

Next Meeting topics. Continue discussion of topics

Adjourn 5:00 pm