

Minutes of the Museum, Education and Overnight Camping Committee of the Patriots Point Development Authority, 10:30 AM, Thursday, June 17, 2021, Leadership Training Facility, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Marlowe, *Chairman*
Wayne Adams

NOT PRESENT: Zeb Williams

PPDA STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hastings
Keith Grybowski
Melissa Buchanan
Chris Hauff
Cole Futch
Royce Breland
Thom Ford
Allison Hunt
Katisha Beanland

Ms. Susan Marlowe called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Prior to the meeting, a copy of the proposed agenda were distributed via electronic mail to the Board members, media and designated guests.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented.

C. MUSEUM SERVICES REPORT

1. Mr. Mike Hastings reported on the budget. He said that we need to look back before going forward. He had a camping budget breakdown, a holistic look at the program. A look was take at FY 2019 for revenue and expenses. On page 2 is the forward look to FY 2022 with the projected revenue, budget expenses. Detail for mattresses, faucets were not included. Utilities are hard to calculate. The major differences are the increased prices, the veteran discount, but also the opportunity to lower operating costs and make camping a good revenue stream. In regards to the food for the campers, logistics were discussed as to how 3 or 4 groups would be accommodated, if multiple food providers would be onboard at the same time, etc. Ms. Marlowe asked about an RFP for a caterer and Mr. Adams said that in the past, we have not had good luck with that. A modified version was put forward to have one caterer/food provider for Friday night and not have multiple onboard. Ms. Marlowe would like to have a SME review the plan and explore this further. The role of Camping Director position will post today. Mr. Hastings said there was an activities list, that capping the overnight camping to 200 out of 670 beds allows for not having double use, to spread campers out. Ms. Marlowe said that we need to stop thinking COVID and think ahead of it, be fluid. Mr. Adams

asked what percentage of campers were one or two night stays. In regards to the a la carte activities list, it seems like they are being encouraged to leave the ship, they should be told about things to do onboard. Chris Hauff shared about a new tour being offered, "Wings and Things". Ms. Marlowe asked about a handout for Vietnam, something to pick up. Katisha Beanland shared that the scavenger hunts currently offered have room to grow and expand. The department focus is projects, the fragile collections exhibit-working on the artifacts, rotations; a new interactive display in Hangar Bay 2 in place of the Japanese aircraft exhibit, redoing the VNE mess hall and the carrier aviation hall of fame. Melissa Buchanan continues to work on cataloging with about 85% done, when asked if she had all the money what was needed, 3 positions to assist.

D. EDUCATION AND OVERNIGHT CAMPING REPORT

1. Keith Grybowski reported that 24 applications were received and were narrowed down to 1 to offer the History position to, a former teacher and will start the end of July. Ms. Marlowe asked if the appropriation was different from the EIA, which it is. Flight Academy will be brought back slowly, hiring a part time person because a full time position cannot be justified. Keith discussed the interest of NASA in the Apollo 8 capsule. The state wants kids to have "multiple touches", they want the kids to come to the ship. The livestream has been in every county on every platform available. Since March, there have been 1193.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Steinberg, *Recording Secretary*

Mike Hastings, *Acting Executive Director*

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A taped recording of these minutes is maintained for record purposes.*