

Minutes of the Museum, Education and Overnight Camping Committee of the Patriots Point Development Authority, 10:30 AM, Thursday, August 19, 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: Rorie Cartier
Mike Hastings
Keith Grybowski
Melissa Buchanan
Chris Hauff
Cole Futch
Sarah Edmiston
Katisha Beanland

Ms. Susan Marlowe called the meeting to order at 10:27 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

Mr. Rorie Cartier went over the report sent out to the board and asked if any more details were needed. Ms. Susan Marlowe turned over to Mr. Mike Hastings. There are three things that need to be updated: the fragile collections exhibit will be done in the next two quarters, it is behind schedule due to injury and should be completed in early December. In regards to aircraft restoration, painting will commence on four planes this fiscal year. The Yorktown Foundation will pay for two, while bids will go out for others. A restoration specialist came. Ms. Marlowe asked if the restoration is needed because of corrosion. The E1-B Tracer is in the worst condition, as aluminum exfoliates and peels. According to the specialist, if the planes are washed regularly, they could last 10 years. There are new hires and retirements. People to help Melissa have been started. There is a plan to reconstitute the curatorial services. Ms. Marlowe expressed confusion and a suggestion – the ship is a museum, but a museum is programming and content. Museum Services is needed back to how it was, a look at the organizational structure is needed. Mr. Rorie Cartier said that he would present that in the board meeting tomorrow. The position of a registrar is being looked at. Melissa shared that she has been in touch with a plank owner and his affects, both from the CV-5 and

the CV-10. People from the Library of Congress want to meet with Rorie to have an association with Patriots Point.

D. EDUCATION AND OVERNIGHT CAMPING REPORT

Keith Grybowski reported that the main focus had been dealing with the EOC and legislation staff for the EIA grant. There is a \$174,000 carryover; this is the issue. All are expected to have a carryover, but how can all promised be accomplished? The question is if EIA will be/should be rolled into the appropriation. Ms. Marlowe asked if it was recurring or a one-time thing. Patriots Point is not being audited. The B-1 form will be filed in September with the budget. The EIA grant is filed in September and then reviewed in October. The application has changed. Melanie in Columbia is needed on Patriots Point's side. Barbara Harefield will be huge. Ms. Marlowe offered her assistance. Keith discussed the new work in aviation and a possible collaboration with Chris Will at CSU in the aeronautical program, focusing on eighth grade and high school. The simulators at Patriots Point are better than CSU. Public programs have a new form, a list of drafted events with the Laffey and the Yorktown. Keith discussed the upcoming 9/11 event and the shoe memorial that has been discussed in a new committee involving Sarah and Hannah.

E. OVERNIGHT CAMPING REPORT

Sarah Edmiston reported that the goal soft opening of the camping program is October 22. All marketing, activities, etc. are being updated. The program itself will be called Operation Dusk to Dawn and will focus on a character of service and sacrifice to fellow man. There will be a full schedule for groups while onboard with activities planned for daytime and nighttime, allowing for flexibility. "Live Like a Sailor" is the heart of the program. Sarah gave a breakdown of what the program would look like for a group. Contact has been made with other ship museums (Hornet, Midway and Lexington) about their camping program. Ms. Marlowe asked if this was one or two nights, of which it is both. Mr. Wayne Adams asked about the other museum's numbers. Ms. Marlowe referenced minutes from the last committee meeting, about the money involved to reopen camping. Mr. Mike Hastings said that the Operations Department bears a lot of the burden and that has been budgeted. Mr. Rorie Cartier stated that a grant from the SC Humanities for \$10,000 was received to help offset the costs associated with reopening the camping program.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

G. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Steinberg, *Recording Secretary*

Mike Hastings, *Acting Executive Director*

*Recording note: These minutes do not reflect a verbatim transcript.
A taped recording of these minutes is maintained for record purposes.*