

Minutes of the Museum, Education and Overnight Camping Committee of the Patriots Point Development Authority, 10:30 AM, Thursday, September 16, 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 10:30 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

Mr. Mike Hastings reported that work on the fragile collections exhibit continues. There are carpenter interviews this week and will help with exhibits. He discussed landside memorial relocation. Melissa Buchanan shared about a recent oral history taken in damage control, volunteers have been helping in the Captain's cabin and the Carolina modelers have finished the Hancock model and started on the Langley. The aircraft restoration is waiting on a SCBO ad. The Tracer will be done first and the Sea King. Ms. Susan Marlowe asked about the memorial movement, if there was a list of chronological sequence. Mr. Hastings said that the flagpoles would have to come down, some guns will come aboard into Yorktown gun tubs, that they will relocate what they can. Ms. Marlowe asked if there was any contractual agreement for the Gold Star Memorial, Mr. Hastings said that Bennett will pay for relocation, State approval is needed. Ms. Marlowe said that Bennett liked the location maybe that should be revisited with him, Terry Ansley is doing just that and Troy is coming to do a walkthrough. Ms. Marlowe asked about the Vietnam Experience, if it is a memorial and where does it move. Mr. Hastings stated that it is an exhibit and is part of Phase 5, so movement is looking at about 10 years. Ms. Marlowe then discussed the Cobra, that the Freedom Foundation owns it. Mr. Hastings corrected that it is on loan from the Marine Corps and that the Freedom

Foundation painted the restoration. This helicopter will be kept. Ms. Marlowe then asked about the construction access road going through Vietnam, that it needs to be revisited.

D. EDUCATION AND OVERNIGHT CAMPING REPORT

Keith Grybowski reported that he met with legislation who offered suggestions. He will not be filing the B-1 form as he is allowed to use the carryover for the expansion. Ms. Marlowe asked for clarification on what the B-1 appropriation means. It is amending the line item to offer EVERY student free admission to education. Keith's contact, Melanie, said to have more measurable, to not lose the EIA it would look better to have the \$415,000 and the carryover to equal \$975,000 and show its use. Ms. Marlowe said to consider anecdotal evidence for the measurable. The first public programming meeting was held with a new SOP set for future events – how Patriots Point is involved, staff ideas, etc. The 9/11 event was a part of that.

E. OVERNIGHT CAMPING REPORT

Sarah Edmiston reported that the overnight program will open in two phases. The first phase will be focus groups on weekends starting November 12 and through December with a 50-100 person capacity. The second phase will be a launch of the website, program rollout starting January 2022. Groups with a deposit or rescheduled dates will be part of the focus groups. January is the official launch with those on the wait list having first priority. There will be a 200 capacity. The program will be interactive, “live like a sailor” with AM and PM activities about character traits, guest speakers about service and life lessons, commissioning and leaving with a patch and/or shirt. Another program would be “Heroes of the Jungle” focusing on a Vietnam visit. A meeting with Crawford is set for later today to discuss the logo, etc. Safety protocols are being updated. The amount of bunks used for groups was discussed, as well as sign offs for health to have no Yorktown liability. Ms. Marlowe stated that she is happy to see museum assets being used. Since the committee agrees, once approval is sought tomorrow at the board meeting, there will not be a need for a second to the motion.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

G. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 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.