

Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, March 13, 2023)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Establish Quorum
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call

- Present: Laura Friess, John Deatricks, Robin Finnacom, Jeannett Pettit, Conner Wolfe, Regina Faden, Michael Brown, Michael Blackwell, Lynn Fitrell
- Absent: Catherine Bowes, Amy Davis, Karla Langhus
- County: Arthur Shepherd, Karen Stone

B. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2023 Meeting

- Motion to approve the minutes by Michael Brown
- Seconded by Jeannett Pettit
- Approved as written unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Museum Division & Friends Updates

- JANUARY
 - The Appraiser Fair was well attended (2023 = 167; 2022 = 60)
 - Materials for the division's Annual Report went to the designer
 - Set up Black History Month display at the U.S. Colored Troop Interpretive Center in Lexington Park
- FEBRUARY
 - Black History Month display at the USCT Int Center open Wed and Sat 10-2
 - Old Jail Museum participated in Moll Dyer Day events
 - Received word of \$219,000 EDA grant for new water taxi, which will enable ADA compliant docks and on boat trips; commissioners to accept grant agreement soon
 - Received \$75,000 final payment for MHAA capital grant for new building
 - Seed grant for the Black Panther display model has been received

B. St. Clement's Island Museum Building Plans Updates

- Meeting for later this day with Department of Public Works on bidding forms for the building
- Have finalized the plans for the trees on the lot, necessary for compliance with being in the critical zone

C. Department of Recreation & Parks Update

- This weekend will be demolition on the Manor House at Snow Hill Park, creating a new vista there.
- Waterway improvements are progressing (kayak launch etc.)
- Cherry Blossom Festival at Lexington Manor Passive Park will be this upcoming weekend
- the 5K running route is being heavily used

D. Bylaws Committee

- Must be updated with some minor edits
- Changes in the bylaws will be recommended for next meeting in May

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. New St. Clement's Island Museum Boat Update

- The grant, which we don't yet know when it will arrive, will pay for all expenses
- Looking at ADA available pontoon boat, either used or to be purpose built
- Request for new staff is pending

B. New Museum Grants Update

- Some for Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival, for an Underground Railroad display at the Old Jail Museum and to restore the two dories outside Piney Point Lighthouse Museum are pending.

5. ADJOURN

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: May 8, 2023

B. Upcoming Events

March

25: Maryland Day at SCIM, 10am-5pm | Ceremony 10AM; the Governor will attend, as will a Papal Nunzio, who will give the invocation; the Piscataway will attend and there will be an exchange of gifts. There will be food trucks.

25: Library Story Time at SCIM | 1PM

25: Water Taxi starts at SCIM daily

April

1: First Landing Wine & Arts Festival | SCIM 10am-5pm

1: Drayden African American Schoolhouse | 11am

7: Old Jail Museum | 10am - 7pm for First Friday in Town

22-23: The Black Diamond Disaster Weekend | SCIM all day both days

C. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn by Robin Finnacom
- Seconded by Lynn Fitrell
- Approved unanimously