

# RCC meeting minutes

**April 9, 2019**

Present: Bruce Gwynn, Tom Rushin, JP Mahon, Amanda Mahon, Shara Merten, Cathy Reeves, Pete Thompson, Lenore Stuart, Kathi Marcus, Betsy Gottsponer, Cecilia Young

Absent: Linda Morgan

Call to order: 7:02

Call to the public: None

March 12, 2019 meeting minutes were approved. Lenore moved to approve, Bruce seconded. March 12, 2019 meeting minutes approved unanimously

President's Remarks: Slate of proposed board members for next meeting was presented.

Museum Director's Remarks: All the tours downtown have connected with local businesses. More hotels are coming in, a sushi restaurant, Littlewood Fine Arts, children's museum. Revenue for the museum has been stable. Some of the tours this year cost less than last year. Main challenge is marketing. Lots of tours are 75% full. Facility rental fee has increased. Liquor policy has changed, we don't suspend our liquor license any more to allow people to bring in their own liquor. We require them to use the museum's liquor license. There is a payment plan now for weddings in the garden. Got a grant for a sound system for the garden. AHS has been painting and replacing some windows, the hot water heater, and part of the roof. Norman Sanguinetti sent a letter and \$8,000 for the garden because of Cathy Reeves.

National Heritage Area Update - Lowell Perry wanted to give the Heritage Area a fresh look, so the website was updated. He formed a Hispanic advisory council, that has a lot of young people. In March the prison had 10,000 visitors, our museum had 1,500.

Discussion at future board meetings: Mike wants to discuss having people like the young people from the Hispanic advisory council for the Heritage Area for a committee.

Bill Ponder says that we don't need a separate sub committee for the Molina Block advisory group. It can be a community advisory group as long as 2 of 5 members is the maximum number of RCC board members in the group.

Adjournment: 7:29 pm