

## RCC Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

Present: Kathi Marcus, Pete Thompson, Bruce Gwynn, Betsy Gottsponer, Tom Rushin, Lenore Stuart, Linda Mortan, Shara Merten

Absent: Cecilia Young, Amanda Mahon, Cathy Reeves, JP Mahon

Call to order: 6:33pm

Call to the public: no response

April 9, 2019 minutes were approved. Pete Thompson moved to approve, Kathi Marcus seconded. April 9, 2019 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

President's Remarks by Shara Merten: Joint Annual Meeting was successful this year. Appreciated Lowell Perry's presentation on behalf of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area. Meal was delicious!

Exhibit Remarks by David Turpie, Vice President of Exhibitions and Publications for the Arizona Historical Society: Appreciated opportunity to meet with RCC and YCHS Board Members. He was recently appointed to the new position and is actively recruiting three new staff members to work on exhibits, with the plan for all positions to be filled within the next three months. Stated CLUES Exhibition will be updated and refreshed for the coming season, but he is not planning a completely new exhibit at this time. David Turpie will present a longer-term exhibit plan to Boards in the future.

Bruce Gwynn requested that Yuma Mesa Project information be included in the CLUES exhibit. Bruce offered to email all board members information about the project. Bruce requested Garden Talks and the 2020 Redondo Days fundraiser promote the 100-year anniversary of the Yuma Mesa Project.

Discussion and/or Action: Bruce Gwynn requested support for three committees: Garden Talks, Desert Road Trip Tours, and Docents. Asked that JP Mahon take lead on coordination of Desert Road Trips.

Bruce presented idea of Farmer's Market at Molina Block. Linda Morgan shared that she is working on a grant for a USDA Farmer's Market Program in Yuma and that the Molina Block could be one of the six rotating sites.

Sanguinetti House Museum's Directors Report: Yanna Kruse will dedicate time this summer to new responsibilities overseeing Guest Experience staff across the AHS organization. Time will also be dedicated to planning a strong season reopening. Two part-time positions will be open for dynamic tour guides.

Heritage Area Update by Tom Rushin: Strong results for both the Yuma Territorial Prison and Colorado River State Historic Park were reported in areas for admission and revenue. Heritage Area is developing a long-range plan for the Colorado River Park. \$1.2 million was committed for Arizona State Parks and Trails to improve infrastructure at both parks in Yuma, with an additional \$80K for development of Sunset View. Announced a committee has been formed to create a map of the historic district and to

create a cohesive marketing effort among museums and north-end merchants. Linda Morgan offered to serve on this committee.

Linda Morgan spoke of new Visit Yuma app and discussed ideas for a self-guided downtown history tour. Tom Rushin supported the idea, stating it would be a good project to work on together.

Announcements and matters for consideration at future Board meetings: Betsy Gottsponer presented handmade quilt crafted by relative, Rose Livingston as a donation to the Arizona Historical Society. Bruce Gwynn requested written provenance to accompany generous donation.

Adjournment: 7:22pm