Arizona Historical Society Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting April 15, 2021

Present: Bill Cavaliere, Yvonne Clay, Brook Grobosky, Craig McEwan, Mark O'Hare, Jim Sell, and Bob Vint

Absent: Ralph Wong

Staff Present: Bill Ponder (Chief Administrative Officer) and Kim Bittrich (Vice President of Finance and

Operations)

Guests Present: Linda Head and Vicki Schwager

Call to Order

President Bob Vint called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the March 2, 2021 Chapter Board Meeting was unanimously approved after a motion from Jim Sell and seconded Bill Cavaliere.

USAM 21161 Fund Report

Kim Bittrich gave a report on the funds. Kim stated that \$32,000.00 was still in the account. Work is done on Otero Porch but not paid for. That will cost approximately \$3,700.00

Election of Officers

President Bob Vint entertained volunteers for officer positions. Craig McEwan volunteered to serve as President and Secretary and Bob Vint volunteered to serve as Vice-President. The appointments were unanimously approved by the members of the Board.

Old Business

Report on the installation of the gutters for the Otero Porch, and bid update for improvement projects for the Sosa Carrillo House by Yvonne Clay was first item on the agenda. Yvonne reported that the gutters have been installed.

The next item of old business was discussion and action, if any, of financing projects for the Tucson History Museum and other AHS projects, such as the purchase of display cases. Discussion of the potential need for a

committee to investigate and report on financing proposals will be part of this item. Yvonne stated that restoration companies have evaluated the needed work at the Sosa-Carrillo and that she is waiting on their official estimate. Bill Ponder stated that the work on the Sosa-Carrillo House was not on the list of priorities that he at previously presented to the Board. He also stated that AHS had applied for City of Tucson funds to help the Sosa-Carrillo House. He stated that based on this possible assistance and the projects on the list he submitted were of higher priority. Jim Sell moved that a committee be appointed to review all of the proposals for 1107 monies and make recommendations for the next meeting. Bob Vint seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously. Brook Grobosky, Jim Sell and Vicki Schwager were appointed to that committee by President McEwan. Bill Ponder stated that he will not approve work on the Sosa-Carrillo House. It was brought up by Board members that, in discussions with Dr. Burns, Dr. Burns said that AHS was not excited about spending significant amounts of money on the Museum because the U. of A. would not be renewing our lease on the front half of the Museum. Bill Ponder stated that the lease would be up in 2054. The lease with the U. of A. for space in the 2nd Street parking garage for visitors and staff was discussed. Some Board members believed that our contract expires in a couple years, and we would no longer have parking near the Museum. Bill Ponder stated that he didn't know anything about that. He stated that, "to his knowledge AHS entered into an agreement with the U. of A. to provide land so the University could build that parking lot and, for that value, AHS would have parking rights in perpetuity in that structure."

The final old business item was discussion and action, if any, on the appointment of Jim Sell to the State AHS Board. President McEwan stated that we had been asked by the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to submit more names.

New Business

Discussion and action, if any, on additional AHS spending projects that need brought to the SAC Board's attention was tabled due to discussion previously.

Call to the Public

There was no response.

Announcements

President McEwan announced the next Chapter Board meeting would be May 3, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Craig McEwan

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Craig McEwan, President