



November 14, 2024

Executive Committee

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Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order by Kelly Corsette at 12:01 PM

2. Roll Call by Linda Elliott-Nelson

- a. Present- Desirae Barquin, DeNise Bauer, Robert Ballard, Linda Elliott-Nelson, Kelly Corsette
- b. Absent- Bruce Gwynn, Jim Snitzer
- c. Staff- David Breeckner, KD Forgia, Vince Bradley

3. Call to the Public – Those wishing to address the Committee must be recognized by the Chair. Each presentation will be limited to 2 minutes and one person per organization. Committee members may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. At the conclusion of public comment, Committee members may: (1) respond to any criticism, (2) ask staff to study a matter, or (3) ask that the matter be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda.

- a. Gerald (Gerry) Paulus, President, Time Capsule Foundation: Introduction and availability to answer questions.

4. Agenda Item-

- a. Review and discuss the draft MOU with the Time Capsule Foundation (TCF). David Breeckner said that typically an MOU does not require review and approval by the AHS Executive Committee, but due to the extended duration of the proposed partnership (75 years), it was deemed important for the AHS Executive Committee to review and approve. If approved, the MOU would be replaced by a contract by no later than 12/31/25 - after TCF has completed principal fundraising - and the contract would need to be in place prior to any installation by TCF. The Time Capsule Foundation is planning a fundraising event for December for the time capsule and paperwork would be necessary to support this. The paperwork has

been reviewed by legal. If approved, the time capsule would be covered by insurance for any liability assumed by the agency.

- b. Robert Ballard said he had reviewed the MOU paperwork and said it looked standard, and asked about the amount of funds the Time Capsule Foundation was looking to raise. Gerald Paulus said that the time capsule itself does not cost very much; however, the capsule would cost around \$200,000. It is public art and they are looking to raise this amount. The event planned is substantive to obtain the seed money for this project. The thought is that the public sculpture will attract viewers due to its artistry and beauty. If installed in 2025, another gala could be planned for 2026 and annually.

Robert Ballard said that he had viewed the website and thought it was done well.

- c. Kelly Corsette observed that the MOU mentioned regularly inspecting the artwork was every 3 years, which he thought was too infrequent for inspection. Kelly asked about the location of the artwork. David Breeckner responded that the installation would be outside the gated area at the Arizona Heritage Center, in the area around Observation Point. The installation would probably involve removing an existing concrete square and installing the sculpture on the ground in view of the security cameras. There is a risk of vandalism since the sculpture would be outside of the gates, but would allow visitors to see the sculpture outside of hours.
- d. DeNise Bauer asked about the location since she was concerned about pickup truck access. David Breeckner responded that the sculpture would be outside of the gates, but would not block any points of access.

- **Action Item:** Approve the draft MOU with Time Capsule Foundation
 - Robert Ballard, DeNise Bauer; Motion Approved

5. Announcements and considerations in future board or committee meetings.

- a. None

6. Adjournment

- a. Kelly Corsette, Robert Ballard; Motion approved
 - Adjournment at 12:16 PM.

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors
Kelly Corsette, President, Executive Committee Chair

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