

Rio Colorado Chapter Board Meeting

Minutes

October 18, 2022

Yuma Main Library, Room B, 2951
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
5:30pm S. 21st Drive, Yuma, Arizona 85364

1. Call to Order: 5:55 pm

2. Roll Call:

Present: Bruce Gwynn, Betsy Gottsponer, Pete Thompson, Thelma Lundy, Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, Monica Ketchum-Cardenas

Absent: Tom Rushin, Faron Owl, Sue Ann Willen, Emilia Cortez, Tom Rush, Thelma Lundy

3. Call to the Public: None

4. President's Remarks: Linda introduced us to Kyle Morey, the new Development Directory of Funding. He gave us information on how he could help raise monies for the museum and other projects. Needs that the group brought up were monies needed for a tent or for tent rental, fix current brick walkways and monies for the museum.

5. AHS Curator Remarks: David Breeckner discussed how we are progressing with our outdoor AG Museum. We need to set up an RFP committee meeting to discuss how the museum should look and be used. Kathi Marcus asked if the Molina Building would be included. David informed us that it would not be. Mary Campbell voiced a concern on the timeline. David was hopeful we would be able to make some progress in the next few months.

6. Discussion and/or action: To approve minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting.

Bruce Gwynn motioned to approve. Monica Ketchum-Cardenas seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Molina Block Restroom Project Update:
 - Bruce Gwynn provided an update on the restroom construction project at the Molina Block. Pilkington Construction has been named as contractor. They are currently looking for subs. The timeline for completion will be determined in the next few weeks.
- Report of Agriculture History Museum:
 - Bruce Gwynn explained next steps involving comment/direction from a committee of RCC and YCHS Board members. Committee to be established.
 - Requests for proposals will be sent by AHS to exhibition design/build companies.

- Strategic Planning Retreat:
Dr. Lina Elliott-Nelson discussed the possibility of a retreat. All determined it would be a good idea. She will reach out to member on a possible date.

- Christmas in Old Town Yuma:
 - Tiffany Ott described progress made on coordination of this first-ever event in partnership with the City of Yuma. The event was described as a holiday street fair. Santa will be rescued from the top of the Yuma Art Center and driven to the Molina Block. Festivities will be on Main Street, 2nd Avenue, Madison Avenue, and at the Molina Block. An overview of activities planned was presented. Ott thanked Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson for her work securing participating vendors and encouraged Board members to participate in the event. We still are in need of volunteers.

7. Director's Remarks:

- Yanna Kruse shared that the gardens are looking beautiful and that two new employees will be joining the Museum.

8. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Update: Bruce Gwynn reported that Charlie Flynn was working temporarily while waiting for Kathy Douglas to take over.

9. Announcements and matters for consideration at future board meetings: NONE

10. Adjournment: 7:00pm