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FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM  
JUNE 13, 2011  
4:00 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Advisory Board: Mr. Ron Wilson, Mr. Dave Kendall, Ms. Sharon Brookshire, Mr. Mike Haddock, Mr. Thomas Warner, and Ms. Kristin Brighton. Ms. Suzan Barnes was absent. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Bob Workman, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director; Ms. Melissa Kirkwood, Development Officer; Mrs. Buffy Woodward, Administrative Assistant. Visitors included: Mayor Jim Sherow and Mr. Bruce Snead.

MINUTES

Mr. Warner called for the approval of the May minutes. It was moved by Mr. Haddock, seconded by Ms. Brookshire, that the May minutes be approved. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

CONSTRUCTION AND EXHIBITS FABRICATION UPDATE

Mr. Workman stated that the quality of the stonework on the outside of the FHDC is remarkable. He's pleased with the progression. Glass will go in within the next few weeks. Due to weather challenges, five days have been lost, but good progress is still being made. The ring of the dome is in place and being readied for sheetrock. The mechanical is almost complete. Stone will be installed on the interior as well.

Film production and audio by Boston Productions is taking place this week. We owe the Symphony in the Flint Hills a huge thank you for giving Boston Productions full access to the Symphony. Mr. Workman and Mr. Ron West went fossil hunting to supply specimens for molds and hands-on rails. Mr. Dennis Ryan, a grad student intern, is working with the counties to gather items for their time capsules. This process will continue throughout the year. An article written by the Topeka Capitol Journal about the time capsule project was picked up by the Associated Press. Discussion was held.

DISCUSSION OF TEMPORARY EXHIBITS PROGRAM

Mr. Workman said that the temporary exhibits program will consist of the following: self generated exhibits, rented package exhibits, and other exhibit opportunities. He would like to open with the first two years of the temporary exhibits calendar set. The first temporary exhibit will be collaborative with the Riley County Historical Society, K-State, and Fort Riley. The exhibit is entitled "Forces: The Shaping of Manhattan, Fort Riley, and Kansas State University," and will consist of two parts. Part one will run from April-August 2012 and part two will run during the spring/summer of 2013. Discussion was held regarding possible temporary exhibits that could be rented. The FHDC will have four to five temporary exhibits per year.

OPERATIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR FURTHER ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW

Mr. Workman gave an overview of a list of documents, policies, and procedures that are being developed for the operation of the FHDC. These documents will be reviewed by the Board for comment and direction during the next several months. Discussion was held.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kirkwood mentioned that the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation is in the process of being established. Several site tours have been given already and more will be held.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on September 12, 2011.