

MINUTES
FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
FHDC Conference Room
January 9, 2012
4:00 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Advisory Board: Mr. Tom Warner, Ms. Suzan Barnes, Ms. Kristin Brighton, Mr. Mike Haddock, Mr. Ron Wilson, Ms. Sharon Brookshire and Mr. Dave Kendall. Also present were Mr. Bob Workman, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director; Ms. Melissa Kirkwood, Development Officer; Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Ms. Susan Adams, Volunteer Coordinator/Administrative Assistant.

MINUTES

Due to a lack of quorum at the December meeting, Mr. Warner called for the approval of the November and December minutes. It was moved by Mr. Wilson to approve November minutes and Ms. Barnes moved to approve December minutes, with Ms. Brighton seconding both motions. On vote, motion carried 7-0

AUDIO/VIDEO UPDATE

Mr. Workman gave an update on the development of the permanent exhibit audio/video components being produced by Boston Productions, Inc. under the direction of Hilferty & Associates, exhibit designers. Mr Workman stated that we had spent one day at BPI reviewing both alpha and beta stages of most of the a/v content. The group first reviewed the functionality of the Gateway Kiosk, which will be located in the lobby . The Gateway Kiosk is a central tool in promoting tourism throughout the Flint Hills region with information about over 150 attractions in the area. There was some discussion of staff utilizing members of the Flint Hills Tourism Coalition to gather additional information for the kiosk. Mr. Workman stated that the FHDC will own and be trained in the content management software that drives the kiosk and that information and updates can be ongoing. He then showed examples of three videos in the exhibits area, as well as excerpts from the Voices of the Flint Hills exhibit. Through first person narrative of often conflicting opinions, topics ranging from arts to burning are explored. Visitors will be able to provide input as well.

GRAND OPENING

Ms. Kirkwood distributed a list of planned needs for the week of April 10-14. Discussion centered on the flow of events on April 14. The FHDC ribbon cutting will occur after the Blue Earth Plaza dedication which is scheduled to occur from 10:00am-11:00am. Discussion was held about the Advisory Boards' participation in the Grand Opening, as well as the city VIP reception on Friday evening, April 13. Board members offered to support the staff as needed and encouraged staff to develop assignments.

TEMPORARY EXHIBIT UPDATE

Mr. Workman distributed and updated the board regarding the plans for the inaugural temporary exhibit From the Ground Up: The Making of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Discussion was held.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Mr. Workman informed the board of the forthcoming City Commission meeting, January 24, at which time the City Commission will review a proposed Memorandum of Understanding and lease with the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation. Also at that meeting will be a proposed Room Naming Rights. The board reviewed the proposed levels of donation to be honored with naming rights. Mr. Warner expressed support for these gift levels, and also agreed that the naming of the facility needs to be a separate decision of the City of Manhattan via the City Commission. The board agreed to recommend these levels of donor recognition to the City Commission in support of the Naming Rights Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding appointments to the Advisory Board. Mr. Kendal is rotating off the board and Mr. Wilson has been reappointed to a three-year term. It was agreed that additional names from outside the Manhattan area need to be identified and submitted to the Mayor for consideration very soon. Outgoing advisory board member Dave Kendal was thanked for his contributions to the board over the past year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2012, at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.