

**MINUTES**  
**FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD FHDC CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**JANUARY 13, 2014**  
**4:00 PM**

Present were the following members of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Advisory Board: Ms. Suzan Barnes, Mr. Mike Haddock, Mr. John Hund, Ms. Larie Schoap and Mr. Ron Wilson. Also present were Fred W. Goss, FHDC Director and Jerri Hager, Development Officer.

**MINUTES**

At 4:05 p.m., Ms. Barnes called for the approval of the November 18 minutes as presented. Mr. Haddock moved to approve the November minutes and Mr. Wilson seconded. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

**FHDC HOURS OF OPERATION FOR 2014**

Mr. Goss introduced an amendment to the FHDC operating hours approved at the November meeting. Beginning the summer of 2014, the Memorial Day through Labor Day hours would be as Monday-Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. rather than 6:00 p.m. It is thought that facilities rental opportunities will produce more revenue than an extra hour of admissions on those days. Mr. Goss learned that FHDC operating hours can be changed without approval from the City Commission and he will communicate directly with Parks and Rec Department Head Eddie Eastes and City Manager Ron Fehr. The advisory board agreed with the change in FHDC summer 2014 hours.

**FHDC STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Goss, FHDC Director reported that an agreement has been developed between the Discovery Center and Cathy Dawes with KMAN Radio 1350 to produce on-air segments identified as "Flint Hills Focus." The 7-10 minute segments will air twice a month (second and fourth Monday of each month) beginning February 10, 2014 in the 9:45 a.m. – 10:0 a.m. a.m. time slot. The emphasis is to showcase things to see and do within the entire Flint Hills geographical footprint and subsequent counties. The FHDC Foundation has agreed to underwrite the \$3,600 cost of the first year of programming.

Mr. Goss informed the board that *Football: The Exhibit* is in the process of installation and is on schedule for the members only opening event on Friday evening, January 17. He also reported that 18 students participated in the first program for home schoolers held January 13.

Jared Bixby, Education Curator, submitted proposed program fees for the FHDC (attached). Mr. Bixby provided an overview of categories of programs planned along with comparisons to other institutions with similar programs. After discussion a motion for approval of the proposed program fee structure was approved.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Goss reported that a list of capital improvement projects will be submitted to the City and asked for recommendations from the Board. Mr. Haddock suggested room darkening shades be added to the

classroom to improve viewing of video presentations.

The board expressed hearing positive public comments. A general discussion about membership dues posed the question of adding group rates to membership. Mr. Goss responded that the membership structure should be reviewed with consideration of membership levels to encourage businesses and higher levels of dues similar to traditional membership programs.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.