

**FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**March 9, 2015**

**4:00 PM**

Present were the following members of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Advisory Board: Chair Ms. Suzan Barnes, Ms. Christine Benne, Mr. Mike Haddock, Mr. John Hund, Mr. Ron Wilson, Ms. Larie Schoap and Mrs. Rose Bacon. Also present was Fred W. Goss, FHDC Director, a Kansas State University student and new FHDC employees: Public Program Coordinator: Stephen Bridenstine, Marketing Coordinator: Megan Berry, Education Specialist (History): Daniel Schapaugh. Also in attendance, Development Manager, Marie Martin of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation.

**MINUTES**

At 4:02 p.m., Ms. Barnes called for the approval of the January minutes as presented. Mrs. Bacon moved to approve the January minutes. Ron Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**Old Business**

None

**FHDC Director's Report**

Mr. Goss introduced FHDC's new staff; Public Program Coordinator: Stephen Bridnestine, Marketing Coordinator: Megan Berry, Education Specialist (History): Daniel Schapaugh. Marie Martin, Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation development manager took time to thank the Advisory Board Members for their dedicated support. Ms. Martin mentioned to the Advisory Board members that they will be receiving invitations to the FHDC Foundation's 2015 "Friend of the Flint Hills" award and ceremony for Jim and Cathy Hoy. Ms. Martin also referenced the very generous \$750,000 gift from Marty Vanier and Robert Krause to name the FHDC Immersive Experience Theater.

Mr. Goss explained the breakdown and disbursement of the donation. A part of the gift will be used for maintenance and upkeep of the Immersive Theater through the establishment of a semi-endowment fund, another portion of the gift will be dedicated to pay for the bonds for the FHDC exhibits and the final portion set aside to support the future fundraising efforts of the FHDC Foundation.

**2016 Proposed Traveling Exhibitions**

**A View from Space:** The exhibition provides a new way to look at the Flint Hills, from space. Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is the vendor of this exhibition. Cost is \$7,500 for the exhibition with an estimated \$4,500 in shipping costs. The exhibit also provides us with the opportunity to provide Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programming (STEM) at the FHDC. The exhibit is scheduled for the FHDC starting January 16, 2016 - May 1, 2016 for the mezzanine level next to the Stepping into the Prairie area. After discussion Mr. Hund made the motion to approve View from Space, Ms. Schoap seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

**How People Make Things:** A manufacturing based exhibition that also ties to the STEM curriculum. The exhibit will examine manufacturing with an added, staff developed, emphasis on

manufacturing businesses in the Flint Hills since the eco region is known for industries in addition to agriculture and raising cattle. Several hands on activities for the exhibit include: a 3 Axis mill, die cutters, cutting wax, wax molding, deforming metal, assembling a golf cart, and robotic assembly. Advisory board members recommend that the FHDC director and development officer reach out to regional manufacturing companies such as Steel and Pipe Supply and Wardcraft in Clay Center, Caterpillar in Wamego and Landoll Corporation in Marysville, Kansas for sponsorships. Board member Ron Wilson recommended FHDC contact the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing at Kansas State University as a potential partner. Cost for the exhibition is \$25,000 in addition to shipping. Exhibition dates are January 29, 2016 through May 1, 2016. Mrs. Bacon made the motion to accept *How People Make Things*, Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, carried 7-0.

**Amazing Dinosaurs:** The FHDC has the opportunity to present an exhibition on land-based dinosaurs in contrast with the sea going creatures that inhabited what became the Flint Hills. Guests can dig for hatchlings and adult dinosaur fossils, explore a dinosaur habitat on how dinosaurs looked and potentially behaved. The advisory board reviewed photographs of the traveling exhibit during the discussion. Mr. Goss related that land-based dinosaurs are not directly related to the Flint Hills but what this allows us to do is to supplement these seagoing creatures with *Amazing Dinosaurs*. The exhibition proposed schedule is May 11, 2016 – September 11, 2016. Rental cost is \$35,000 plus an estimated \$5,000 in shipping costs. The exhibit is developed by the Antiquities Company LTD of Rockford, MI. who brought *FHDC Ice Age Imperials* in the summer of 2014. The exhibit allows FHDC staff to contact the Kansas University Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum in Lawrence and Fort Hays State University’s Sternberg Museum of Natural History for potential loans of fossils and artifacts. Both organizations are Association of Science and Technology Centers members (ASTC). Mrs. Bacon made a motion to accept the *Amazing Dinosaurs* exhibit, Ron Wilson seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

**Flint Hills Masters:** Fred proposed the in-house produced exhibit Flint Hills Masters with Strecker-Nelson gallery of Manhattan. This will serve as a sequel to the 2013 “Through Artists’ Eyes” exhibit featuring paintings and sculpture of the Flint Hills. Exhibition dates are October 3, 2015 – January 16, 2016. The entire exhibition will be changed out for a new display for the last half of the exhibition’s run. Mr. Haddock made a motion to approve the exhibition, Mrs. Bacon seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

### **General News**

- Dr. David Edgell has joined the FHDC Foundation board as an ex officio member. Dr. Edgell is a professor of trade, tourism, and economic development in the School of Hospitality Leadership at East Carolina University, which is the largest academic tourism related program in North Carolina. He is writing a book on tourism and will feature the FDHC as a case study.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> see a live remote with Jeremy Goodwin of WIBW television to promote the Wild Weather exhibit.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Barnes called to adjourn the meeting 5:30 p.m. Mr. Hund seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.