

FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER ASVISORY BOARD MINUTES

July 13, 2015

4:00 PM

Present were the following members of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Advisory Board: Chair Ms. Suzan Barnes, Ms. Christine Benne, Ms. Rose Bacon, Ms. Larie Schoap, Mr. John Hund, Mr. Mike Haddock, and Mr. Ron Wilson. Fred W. Goss, FHDC Director was also present.

Welcome

At 4:01 p.m., Ms. Barnes called the meeting to order.

Minutes

At 4:02 p.m., Ms. Bacon moved to approve the May minutes and Mr. Haddock seconded. On vote, the motion carried 6-0.

FHDC Directors Report

- 2016 **Flint Hills Festival** will be held on, May 21, 2016. The permanent day will be the 3rd Saturday in May.
- **National Day of the Cowboy** will take place on, July 25, 2015. This is the second annual event for the Discovery Center.
- The Flint Hills Discovery Center is hosting a **Teacher Open House** on, October 15, 2015. Educators will have free admission to the FHDC and free give-a-ways.
 - The invited districts are:
 - **USD 383:** Manhattan
 - **USD 475:** Geary County Schools including Fort Riley
 - **USD 320:** Wamego
 - **USD 323:** Rock Creek
- KMAN 1350 radio reported the likelihood of an IMAX Theater for the Manhattan Town Center Mall in the old *Sears* retail space.
- The Flint Hills Discovery Center will start the design and launch of a new web site for late 2015 or early 2016.
- **David Kendall** documentary film producer is in partnership with the FHDC Foundation as referenced at the last meeting. The *Kansas Humanities Council* has approved the documentary film project documenting the National Park Service's Tallgrass Preserve with a \$10,000 grant through the FHDC Foundation. The film project is part of the National Park Service's 100th anniversary in 2016. The FHDC Foundation serves as the fiscal agent for the film.
- FHDC Foundation is now participating in the **Dillion's Giving Program**. Anyone enrolled in this program will donate **5%** all grocery sales toward the FHDC educational programs.

Public Comment

- Ms. Schoap with *ESB Financial* shared the *ESB Financial* Watermelon Contest to be held at the Manhattan Farmers Market on, Saturday, July 18, 2015.
- *ESB Financial* will be hosting the 2nd annual **Customer & Business Partner Appreciation** event at the FHDC as part of the *Flint Hills Masters* art exhibition scheduled for this fall at FHDC.
- Mr. Wilson commented that the Cowboy Poetry contest was a big success in June.
- Mr. Wilson is hosting an event at the Lazy T Ranch the evening of the **National Day of the Cowboy** event at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. His event will include: food, rope tricks, gun spinning and entertainment from Brad Hamilton.
- Mr. Goss will email a copy of the kid's program flier for July/August events to the FHDC Advisory Board to share on social media.
 - Upcoming FHDC events are:
 - **Eight-Legged Adventure**, *Wolfe Spider Night Walk*
 - **Kids' Mystery Theater**, *The Case of the Missing Marsupial*
 - **After Sunset**, *Animal Encounters in the Dark*

Adjournment

At 4:32 p.m., Ms. Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Wilson seconded. On vote, the motion carried 6-0.