Minutes
Siouxland Heritage Museums
Board Meeting
Thursday, September 5, 2013
Law Library, Old Courthouse Museum

Present: Virgil Andersen, Sandy Dean, Marty DeWitt, Ron Helwig, Bob Kolbe, Mike MacDonald, Tim Schendel, Dianne Metli, Glenda Schmidt, Bill Hoskins, Clarissa Thompson

Absent: Michelle Erpenbach, Jeff Barth, Dianne Metli

Tim called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

The minutes of the August Meeting were approved as published.

Reports:

Bill delivered a brief report on the Alliance.

Bill presented the July, 2013 financial report.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director presented the Director’s Report for August including some highlights for the month. Highlights included:

- Curator of Collections position posting closed August 2. 72 total applicants, Human Resources screened to 20, I interviewed 6.
- The new Railroad Exhibit opened on August 15.
- Working on the new sign for the Old Courthouse Museum.
- Summer Programs went well and wrapped up with the last concert on August 30. School started the week of August 19.

Regular Business

The Operations Budget, Enterprise Fund budget and Store Budget for 2014 were adopted in the Joint Budget Hearing on August 27.

Bill Hoskins read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2013-01
Siouxland Heritage Museums Board of Directors

WHEREAS, on 9 December, 2009, Bob and Kari Hall donated Tract 1, Hall’s Addition, consisting of approximately 24.97 acres, to Minnehaha County and the
Siouxland Heritage Museums, for the purpose of building a facility for the storage of museum artifacts;

WHEREAS, The Siouxland Heritage Museums Board has disbursed $10,000 from the Siouxland Heritage Museums Endowment at the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation for Museum Collections Storage Facility.

And WHEREAS, The private funding will be required to support the construction of the Museum Collections Storage facility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Siouxland Heritage Museums Board respectfully recommends/request that the Minnehaha County Commission establish a special fund to receive and hold private moneys donated for the construction Museum Collections Center and realized from the sale of land.

Virgil Andersen moved Resolution 2013-1. Bob Kolbe seconded the resolution. The resolution passed on vote.

Tim asked Bill to read the next draft resolution:

RESOLUTION 2013-02
Siouxland Heritage Museums Board of Directors

WHEREAS, on 9 December, 2009, Bob and Kari Hall donated Tract 1, Hall’s Addition, consisting of approximately 24.97 acres, to Minnehaha County and the Siouxland Heritage Museums, for the purpose of building a facility for the storage of museum artifacts;

WHEREAS, Minnehaha County may sell a portion of the property, for the sole and express purpose of the construction of the facility upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the Siouxland Heritage Museums.

And WHEREAS, The proceeds from the sale of said property would substantially reduce the burden on the taxpayer for the construction of the collections facility.

And WHEREAS, The construction of said facility is critical to the long term structural preservation of the Old Courthouse Museum, Pettigrew Home and Museum, and the preservation of the community’s cultural heritage warehouse within the Old Courthouse Museum.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Siouxland Heritage Museums Board of Directors respectfully recommends that the Minnehaha County Commission declare;
The North 450 feet of the east 940 feet of Tract 1 of Hall's Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 31, Township 102 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota (approximately 423,000 square feet); and

The South 475 feet of the West 942 feet of Tract 1 or Hall's Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 31, Township 102 North Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof,

as surplus and that it be listed with a licensed commercial real estate broker at $2.25 per square foot. And that sale of such property be not for less than $1.75 per square foot. And that the proceeds for the sale be deposited in a fund designated for the construction of the Siouxland Heritage Museum collections storage facility.

Bob Kolbe moved the adoption of the resolution. The Motion was seconded by Virgil Andersen. The Museum Board discussed at length the value of the land and the need to sell 19.97 acres.

Virgil Andersen moved to amend the resolution to recommend a list price for the land at $2.50 per square foot instead of $2.25 per square foot. Ron seconded the motion. The amendment to the resolution passed on vote.

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

Bill Hoskins introduced Clarissa Thompson, Museum Intern. Clarissa is a graduate student in the Historical Administration Program at Eastern Illinois University. She will be working for the Siouxland Heritage Museums until December 13.

The next Board Meeting will be October 3, 2013 at the Pettigrew home and Museum.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.

Museum Mission: “The Siouxland Heritage Museums is dedicated to enhancing the experience of learning for our community, its families and visitors through collections, preservation and interpretation of history”