



# COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

*City of Arts & Innovation*

**TO: COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: JANUARY 11, 2018**

**FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2018**

## **ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Dr. Brenda Buller Focht, Amanda Langevin, Danielle Leland, Dr. Robyn G. Peterson, Dr. Robert Przeklasa, Lynn Voorheis, Chuck Wilson, Teresa Woodard Belding

ABSENT: Bergis Jules, Ann Lovell

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

## **APPROVAL/REVIEW OF MINUTES**

- I. Review of October 11, 2017 minutes
  - a. Minutes were approved at the November 2017 meeting; no further action required.
- II. Approval of November 8, 2017 minutes
  - a. Discussion: Member Peterson asked notetaker to indicate in future minutes names of members opposing or abstaining from vote.
  - b. Motion: Move to approve the minutes
    - i. **Motion:** Chuck Wilson
    - ii. **Second:** Dr. Robert Przeklasa
    - iii. **Ayes:** All; Motion carried

## **DEACCESSIONS/TRANSFERS**

- I. NAGPRA Object Status
  - a. Discussion: Member Buller Focht presented a summary report of the current status of collections items subject to NAGPRA, describing tasks completed and pending.
  - b. Conclusions: Member Peterson will provide contacts for the Crow tribe. The need to contact the National Park Service regarding how to proceed was noted.
- II. Winnowing Machine Disposal Method
  - a. Discussion: Member Langevin distributed an updated report. Member Przeklasa explained recent actions. The winnowing machine was destroyed per approved procedures by Member Przeklasa and Cesar Mendez on January 3, 2018.

## **LOANS**

- I. Cahuilla Object Loan Returns

- a. Member Przeklasa updated the committee on the status of the Cahuilla object loan returns. All objects have been returned except objects belonging to Bryn Potter and the National Museum of the American Indian. All will be returned by January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- II. Kaiser Loan
  - a. Discussion: Member Przeklasa explained the situation at La Sierra Kaiser Hospital. Exhibit cases containing our objects were moved without consulting us, which violates our loan agreement. Member Przeklasa proposed recalling the loan. Members discussed whether to recall the loan.
  - b. Motion: Write to Kaiser expressing concern about moving the exhibit, suggesting we meet with them to discuss exhibit policies. CC letter to Sherman Indian School.
    - i. **Motion:** Chuck Wilson
    - ii. **Second:** Lynn Voorheis
    - iii. **Ayes:** All; Motion carried

## **COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT**

- I. Natural History Collections Update
  - a. Discussion: Member Woodard Belding gave an overview on the status of the natural history move. Member Woodard Belding and Member Leland discussed freezing of objects (two weeks in a UCR freezer) and cabinet needs.
  - b. First Motion: That there be funding in the next budget cycle for purchase of appropriate cabinetry for the Herbarium. Motion by Chuck Wilson.
  - c. Motion amendment: That this funding be specifically identified in a budget line item. Motion by Dr. Robyn G. Peterson.
  - d. Final Motion: That there be a line item in the budget for natural history cabinetry.
    - i. **Second:** Teresa Woodard Belding
    - ii. **Ayes:** All; Motion carried
- II. Clark Herbarium Proposal
  - a. Discussion: Member Leland gave a brief update on the Clark Herbarium, along with proposing future uses of the collection. Member Peterson noted we will keep the Herbarium; it will not be deaccessioned.
- III. Collections Objects on Display at RMM
  - a. Discussion: Member Langevin noted which objects are still in exhibit cases and when each object will be taken off display.

## **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

Member Przeklasa noted that two interns from CBU will begin work January 17th, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Member Wilson noted he wanted to make sure the two discussion items he suggested at a previous meeting (cost of exhibitions and plans for objects outside of our mission) would be addressed. Member Peterson assured members these issues will be discussed as we proceed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chuck Wilson moved to adjourn, Teresa Woodard Belding seconded  
Meeting adjourned 3:01 p.m.

*Next meeting: Wednesday, 08 February 2018, 2:30 p.m. Museum Conference Room*

Prepared by: Amanda Langevin, Associate Curator of Collections  
Approved by: Dr. Robyn G. Peterson, Museum Director