

## AGENDA

Waynesboro Advocacy Committee  
13 April 2021, 1:00pm via Zoom

### I. Welcome

### II. Full Board Meeting 15 May 2021, VMNF 14 May 2021

### III. Virginia Budget update

- a. Preparing for a successful outcome
- b. Discussion of future fundraising
  - Timing
  - Urbie Nash's help and resources needed

### IV. Drive Through Show, 1 May 2021

### V. Old business

- a. Update on input from community, Natural Bridge, etc.

### VI. Open discussion

### VII. Adjourn

## MINUTES

Attending: Dr. Tom Benzing, Dr. Carole Nash, Len Poulin (VMNH-F), Gene Smith (VMNH-F), Greg Hitchin, Joe Keiper (*ex officio*), Jonathan Martin (*ex officio*), Ryan Barber (*ex officio*).

Absent: Faye Cooper, Siri Russell, Maggie VanHuss.

- I. Welcome – the meeting started 100PM. Dr. Benzing outlined one change that was made to the initial version of the minutes from the March meeting, and no further changes were made by the committee.
- II. Dr. Benzing would chair the meeting, and announced that the next full board meeting was 15 May 2021.
- III. Virginia Budget Update
  - a. Joe Keiper and Jonathan Martin outlined that the budgets for the House and Senate included VMNH-W Detailed Planning funds, and that the Governor would be signing the budget in the near future. All are cautiously optimistic.

- b. Joe Keiper reported that a draft RFQ for design firms was ready to go out with the news of successful funding.
- c. General discussion ensued of press releases and announcements coinciding to generate excitement. Greg Hitchin would spearhead an effort to put a 4'x8' sign at the open municipal lot announcing the future site of VMNH-W
- d. All agreed to not make announcements premature, but that we needed to keep people informed.
- e. Joe Keiper had a discussion with Urbie Nash of the CCR Board, and a need for updated promotional materials was identified. However, specific efforts to conduct fundraising by VMNH-Foundation would occur in the future and coincide with more specific information on the VMNH-W budget the state will allocate in the future.

#### IV. Drive Through Show

- a. Ryan Barber outlined the theme would be Treasures from the Vaults.
- b. The event will occur 1200pm-500pm on 1 May 2021 at the former DuPont parking lot in Waynesboro (at Race Avenue).
- c. 100 slots would be available for participants to register.

#### V. Old Business

- a. Tom Benzing outlined his talks with DMME staffer Matt Heller. DMME will partner on specific exhibits, as well as help with obtaining geological specimens needed where possible.
- b. Discussion of DMME help establishing an Earth History timeline along the Waynesboro Greenway ensued.
- c. There is still a strong desire to work with contacts in the Monacan Nation, and with the expertise at Natural Bridge State Park to ensure the most accurate information is presented in exhibits of Virginia peoples and cultures.
- d. Carole Nash noted that people have been coming to the South River site for thousands of years, and there may be archaeological remains under the municipal lot. Indeed, people will continue to come to the South River site in the future for the museum!

#### VI. Open Discussion

- a. Tom Benzing noted that diversity and inclusion, which was a discussion at the last WAC meeting, would be addressed by the Board's Strategic Planning Committee.

- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 200pm, and the next WAC meeting is currently scheduled for 4 May 2021, 100pm by Zoom.