

I. Introduction and welcome

II. Review of financial position VMNH-W Detailed Design

Jonathan Martin provided updates about the budget process/ timelines:

- Schedule going forward- follow old plan and reach out to stakeholders
- Following 30 day period, will move into schematic design
- Will move into capital pool phase
- Working with budget analysis and DPB and DGS to get firm idea/ approvals
- Wrap preliminary design by June 2023, with hopefully release of construction funds
- Applied to construction management at risk, to allow us to bring the construction manager earlier

Carole Nash asked about cultural resources as property is handed over to the state. Site is a busy archaeology area.

Jonathan explained that DHR is involved after the designs are looked at by DGS, following preliminary design. Goal is for some coordination to dig test pits when completing borings for the building. Several surveys will need to be completed by the state of Virginia

Len Poulin asked about how realistic the timeline is, and about the risk or archaeology impacting the timeline.

Jonathan Martin explained that the timeline is on track, and Carole supported that DRH is very good at keeping projects on track. Hard to say until test pits are completed.

Provides a tremendous interpretive opportunity

Faye Cooper asked about tribes in the area.

Carole explained multiple nations involved, ranging from Shaunee to Susquehanna descendants.

III. Review of Detailed Design meeting

A. Recap

Determining what we liked/ disliked from the original plan last week, with Glave and Holmes, Veneer Johnson, and other firms. First day was more detailed oriented. Discussion of moving the building to the correct side (out of flood plain).

B. Proposed Schedule

Not a proposed schedule yet, but Jaclyn from Glave Holmes is working on a stakeholder meeting synopsis. Will send out a new schedule soon. Need to re-review the square footage, but not too many changes in terms of space allocation.

Mark Buss asked about sharing comments- Joe explained that many have submitted comments, and will be taken part of it. This synopsis will be shared to the WAC, and other stakeholders who participated in the meeting.

Len Poulin- shared about conservation with Roberto, and advocated for the trustees to spend more time up here. Also requests that four pages be updated with new information.

Joe- Explained that Lisa Carter has plans for November meeting, but happy to have a February board meeting in Waynesboro.

C. Goals and Objectives

Tom Benzing- requests how groups will engage with the architects.

Jonathan- each of the disciplines will work with the specific professionals, to keep them on the same team. Jaclyn will be providing a Gantt chart to identify when these meetings should start.

Joe Keiper- explains how specifics will change, including getting rid of the tower, decreasing the size of the box office, etc. Would like another opportunity for educators to stay involved in the conversation.

Mark Buss- supports continuing discussion of needing flexibility of the project. Making sure that later phases of the project have opportunity for future expansions

Joe Keiper- explains don't have the luxury of the space we have on Starling Ave. Need to keep spaces flexible and multiuse. Need to talk more about live animal component, and being very cautious about pump rooms

Faye Cooper- on water-related exhibit, wanted to know if will be using Baker Spring.

Len Poulin- Urbie Nash is having discussions with property owners, how we can potentially use it. Challenges with the property, and need for grant funding, etc. for the project. Urbie is trying to locate the blueprints.

Tom Benzing- Even if can't bring water to VMNH, could build a facility along the greenway and include springwater (for CCR). Can be part of the museum without walls. Bring other water on site and interpret water circulation

Joe- having a museum partner may be a route to go. Specific meeting for those who are interested to discuss water/ live animals. Need to keep meeting efficient because of cost of working with the firms

IV. Future Advocacy

A. A follow-up social ~ October (depending on development of new visuals)

Joe Keiper:

More public event to explain what we have going on, to show community members that we're making progress.

Jenna Konzer recommended the need to work with public the need to understand why we picked this spot, etc. Follow up meeting could get buy-in. Greg Hitchin- October 8-9 is Fall Foliage Festival. Carole supports having a presence at the event.

Len Poulin- Need to update economic impact statement. Also, need to highlight changes to the floodplain.

Joe Keiper- will work with Dwayne, materials included in South River SRP materials.

Greg Hitchin- Dwayne has materials that can be distributed.

Carole Nash- need for universal restroom, and expands on the ethical need to complete archaeology. Requests a place-based exhibit about flooding

Tom Benzing- Brad Nedderholf asked what central element tells the story of this place. Tom returns to geology, and things telling geology stories are essential to telling more of how this place came to be.

B. Future visits to VMNH e.g., OLLI at UVA

Joe Keiper- explained that regional rotary clubs took trips in the spring.

Len Poulin- explained that Kwannis is pushing for a visit in mid-September, Sam Bosserman is the contact. Faye is happy to schedule a visit with the Shenandoah Valley Kiwanis club, after the beginning of the year.

Joe Keiper- Will shoot for visits later in the winter, maybe late October/ early November. Future meeting would be on a Saturday.

C. Meetings, presentations, etc. already on calendar

Tom Benzing- requests to meet in a month again on Oct. 4th, and Mary Zell will send out the invite

Joe Keiper- scheduled presentation to City Council, Waynesboro Arts Club, and recently presented to AARP

Putting together a newsletter, various presentations to fall foliage fest, etc.

V. General fundraising schedule

Joe Keiper:

editing/ putting together a spreadsheet of past donors, and will need updates from CCR. Working with Greg to formulate information for larger businesses.

Enter capital campaign after 70% of finances in order. That will take place after we work through the capital pool.

Len Poulin- desire to recreate another friendraiser/ fundraiser in the future, at various venues.

Joe Keiper- Plan to make these events happen, in addition to holding event at the Colonades

VI. Open Discussion

Joe Keiper- desire to bring the Hispanic community into the discussion. Tom and Lisa visited bilingual exhibits at a museum in Colorado, and want to try and make the connection there.

Len Poulin- has contact with another community member.

Joe Keiper- will be back next week, and will be following up with some connections. Donors locally looking to donate to the museum. Faye has previously assisted with archaeology collection, and Jasper Burns has a paleontology collection.

Carole Nash- well organized Latinx community in Harrisonburg, and encouraged us to think beyond Waynesboro to make these connections. Happy to put Joe in touch with those folks

VII. Adjourn