**Waynesboro Advocacy Committee**

**Virginia Museum of Natural History**

7 Nov 2023, 100PM by Zoom

AGENDA

I. Welcome, approve minutes from October

II. Update on activities

a. Detailed Design update

* + Exhibit planning, 3D relief map
  + Construction Manager

b. Follow-up on funding request

III. Community

a. Resolution from City

b. Lecture Series

c. Public hours, Fall Foliage Festival, Chamber, other outreach

d. Trailer from VMFA

* + Maintenance and exhibits
  + Press Release & media
  + LL Bean pop-up event 9 Dec 2023

IV. General Assembly

a. Messaging discussion

V. Open Discussion

VI. Next meeting, 4 January 2022

VII. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

WAYNESBORO ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

7 NOV 2023

Present: Tom Benzing (chair), Mark Buss (BOT), Len Poulin (VMNH-F), Faye Cooper, Jonathan Martin, Ryan Barber, Joe Keiper

I. Welcome, approve minutes from October

* The minutes from October were approved with a unanimous vote.

II. Update on activities

a. Detailed Design update

* + Exhibit planning, 3D relief map
  + Construction Manager
    - Final details of the Schematic Design portion of Detailed Design were discussed, and it will involve Glave Holmes aligning their costs with DEB’s estimates. Staff informed our Construction Manager that we want a plan and a timeline by next week.
    - The Construction Manager has returned from medical leave.
    - The Waynesboro visitor center relief map has been recovered by VMNH and will be salvaged for VMNH-W exhibits.

b. Follow-up on funding request

* Staff have been informed that Delegate Campbell is following up on the September meeting with the Governor’s staff.
* Efforts are underway for an introduction to incoming Senator Chris Head.

III. Community

a. Resolution from City

* The Resolution has been renewed.

b. Lecture Series

* Next lecture is Tuesday, 14 November, with Matt Heller from Virginia DOE.

c. Public hours, Fall Foliage Festival, Chamber, other outreach

* Staff, Board members, and volunteers have remained active.
* Public hours are ongoing but with diminishing participation by the public. We’ll reinvigorate efforts when the new exhibit trailer is finished.

d. Trailer from VMFA

* + Maintenance and exhibits
  + Press Release & media
  + LL Bean pop-up event 9 Dec 2023
    - The former Artmobile has been obtained from VMFA. Staff will fix it up and install exhibits by the 9 December event in Waynesboro. A press release, which involved a small media event at the trailer involving Senator Emmett Hanger, has been issued.

IV. General Assembly

a. Messaging discussion

* Messaging will be determined at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.

V. Open Discussion

* Tom Benzing noted that tying VMNH-W with needs for improved infrastructure, such as improvements to I-64 and I-81, may garner additional support from the Virginia General Assembly, particularly Delegate Chris Runion.
* The BOT will be invited to visit the Trailer before the Friday dinner at the next BOT meeting weekend in Staunton.
* Keiper will send WAC and CCR a hypothetical schedule of GA 2024 advocacy, including possible committee presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm.