ANGELS CAMP MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2018 MEETING

Commission Members Present: Ron Rivera, Bob Hillis, Anne Forrest, Tad Folendorf, Bob Petithomme, Brian Connery

Commission Members Absent: Marilyn Smith

Others Present: Melissa Eads, City Administrator; Joe Olivera, City Council Representative; Linda Hermann, City Council member; Jana Bidwell, guest

Others Absent: Karen Strand, Foundation President

CLOSED SESSION:
1. Meeting called to order at 8:32 am by Chair Ron Rivera
2. The session adjourned at 8:50

REGULAR MEETING:
1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ron Rivera at 8:52 am.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
   a. MOTION TO APPROVE made by Bob Hillis, seconded by Brian Connery and passed 6-0.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT:
   a. Linda Hermann: She is attending to get a better understanding of the Museum.
5. APPROVAL OF JULY 19, 2018, MINUTES:
   a. MOTION TO APPROVE made by Tad Folendorf, seconded by Bob Hillis, passed 6-0.
6. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION:
   a. Public Employee Appointment (Govt. Code section 54957)
      i. ACTION: Direction was given to staff.
7. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:
8. COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:
9. FOUNDATION UPDATE:
In Karen Strand’s absence Ron Rivera reported:

i. Tree signs have been completed. The Calaveras Garden Club sponsored the signs.

ii. September 8 Dinner at Utica Mansion is proceeding well. About 60 tickets have been sold to date with hopes for at least 100.

Melissa Eads said that the Foundation’s projects should be dedicated to the City Museum so the City can assume liability and maintenance for them and cover them under its insurance policies. She suggested that this could be done at a City Council meeting which would allow the Foundation to showcase its efforts for the City’s museum. It was suggested that the Council meeting be held at the Museum and that the Council’s Tuesday, September 18 meeting might be a good time.

i. ACTION: Ron Rivera is to talk with Karen Strand and the Foundation board and report back to Melissa Eads.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

10. **UPDATE ON CITY FINANCIAL REPORT BY CITYGATE:**

   a. Melissa Eads explained the overall findings of the report and recommended Commission members review the 1-hour presentation that is on the City’s website.

      i. Anne Forrest said that she found Citygate’s presentation to be excellent and very easy to understand.

      ii. Brian Connery asked how the City gets back to the black. Melissa Eads said there is a lot of work to be done over the next several years. She added that that is why the City has a sales tax increase on the November ballot. It will not solve the problem but will help over time.

   b. Melissa explained that a community advisory group is being formed to help educate the public about the need for the tax increase and she hoped that some of the Commission members would consider serving on the group.

   c. Public Comment:

      i. Linda Hermann said it will be important for the City and City Council to develop a strategic plan and set priorities to guide the City in the future.

11. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY2018-2019 MUSEUM BUDGET:**

   a. Melissa Eads explained the Adopted and Revised budgets as presented and answered questions.

   b. ACTION: Melissa to check the numbers on the part-time salary line items and report back.

   c. MOTION TO TAKE THE REVISED BUDGET TO CITY COUNCIL made by Tad Folendorf, seconded by Bob Petithomme and passed 5-0. (Brian Connery had left the meeting)

12. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

   a. Tad Folendorf: Nothing to report
b. Bob Petithomme: He and Tad are working on getting donations of 13 or more gold scales.

c. Bob Hillis: Went to the Citigate presentation; reviewed budget numbers; talked to staff to see how they’re doing. Sees the Museum as one of the biggest draws for tourists in Angels Camps.

d. Anne Forrest: Anne passed around an updated Commission Contact Sheet. Destination Angels Camp is working with the City to set up and provide assistance to the tax initiative community advisory group. The Angels Camp Business Association is working on the 2018 Christmas parade. It is organizing a Fall Festival Dinner on September 28th to replace its annual Christmas Gala. The Mark Twain Wild West Fest is scheduled by October 20th and we hope the Museum will participate again.

e. Ron Rivera: Worked on the minutes and agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT:
   a. MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Tad Folendorf, seconded by Bob Hillis and passed 5-0.
   b. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Minutes taken by Anne Forrest