

**Old Fort Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
November 19, 2014 at 5:15 PM  
City Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Charles Block, Dave Moehn, Carol Foss, Sharon Harp, Chuck Ford, Dr. Eugene Watkins (Site Manager).

ABSENT: Russell Savage, John Luna (Management Analyst) – Excused, and Brian Wright (Council Liaison).

GUESTS: Andy Andrews, Steve Rippeteau, Ted Kolbet, and Shelly Dowling.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Moehn at 5:17 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Block MOVED, and Foss SECONDED, to APPROVE the MINUTES of the October 14, 2014, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

**SITE MANAGER’S REPORT:**

1. On November 8, Boy Scout Troop 42 toured the Old Fort with parents.
2. The Old Fort Replica is now closed for the Season.
3. Watkins has been in contact with Sandra Massey, the Sac & Fox Nation (Oklahoma) representative and has sent her documents to identify.
4. The Old Fort Replica will be open April 18 & 19, 2015, in conjunction with the Train Show at the North Lee County Historical Society (NLCHS).
5. The DAR will visit the Old Fort Replica during their meeting in Fort Madison.
6. On Saturday the cannon will be put away for the winter.
7. The Friends of Old Fort Madison (FoOFM) group is working toward becoming a Non-Profit organization for fund raising purposes.
  - a. This group is presently operating as a subcommittee of the NLCHS.
  - b. Per Andy Andrews, \$520 has been received along with a pledge of \$100.
  - c. 200 plus requests for donations have been mailed.
  - d. Next meeting of the FoOFM will be Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM in the NLCHS Museum.
8. The Walker Collaborative group will be coming to Fort Madison on December 5, 2014, to discuss plans for possible War of 1812 Battlefield commemorative site.

INCOME / EXPENSE REPORT: Not available.

GIFT SHOP REPORT: Not available. The Gift Shop is closed for the season.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Need a new member for the Old Fort Commission.
  - a. A new member is still needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting of the nonprofit "Friends of Old Fort Madison", on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Depot Museum.
  - a. See Site Manager's Report.
2. Eastern lot of Old Fort Madison Battlefield Site for sale.
  - a. The eastern 3/5 of the block bounded by 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets and Avenues G & H has been offered for sale by the developer building the Dollar General store.
  - b. Asking price is \$50,000.
3. December 2014 Meeting.
  - a. Moehn reminded the Commission that the City requires the Old Fort Commission to hold at least ten (10) meetings per year.
  - b. Block MOVED, and Ford SECONDED, to skip the December meeting.
  - c. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.
4. December 5 discussions with the group making plans for Battlefield Site.
  - a. The Walker Collaborative (WC) will be in Fort Madison December 3 – 5, 2014.
  - b. The WC will meet with various groups in town to discuss ideas for a Park / Interpretative Center and/or Cemetery.
  - c. The City Clerk will coordinate the meetings and send out notices.
  - d. The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2015.
  - e. The City has received the National Park Service (NPS) Grant in the amount of \$51,000.
    - i. The WC will be paid \$43,000 for their services.
    - ii. The balance will be used for research.

ADJOURNMENT:           Block MOVED, and Ford SECONDED, to ADJOURN the MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

MEETING was ADJOURNED by Moehn at 5:47 PM.

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David Moehn  
Chair, Old Fort Commission

Date