

**Old Fort Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 5:15 PM  
City Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Charles Block, Dave Moehn, Sharon Harp, Chuck Ford, Russell Savage, John Luna (Management Analyst), Dr. Eugene Watkins (Site Manager), and Brian Wright (Council Liaison).

ABSENT: Carol Foss (Excused)

GUESTS: David Currey and Phil Walker (Walker Collaborative), John Doershuk and Bill Whitaker (Office of the State Archaeologist), Brad Randolph (Mayor), Ed Bearss, Sarah Tomkinson (Burlington Hawk Eye), James Lemberger, Doug Harp, Ted Kolbet, Janice Moehn, Jean Peiton, Aaron Grinstead, Franz Hoenig, Darian Warnhoff, Shelly Dowling, Robin Delaney (Fort Madison Daily Democrat), Ron Dunlay, Jim Holtkamp, Lyle Magneson, Martin Graber, and Linda Baxter.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Moehn at 5:18 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Harp MOVED, and Savage SECONDED, to APPROVE the MINUTES of the February 18, 2015, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

SITE MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. There have been a couple of structural failures on porches.
  - a. One was repaired by Watkins and staff.
  - b. The other will be repaired later.
  - c. These shouldn't impact the opening of The Old Fort replica.

INCOME / EXPENSE REPORT: This will be deferred until the next meeting.

GIFT SHOP REPORT: No report. 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.
2. The State Archaeologist and a representative of The Archaeological Conservancy (TAC) were here at 10:00 on Thursday, February 19, 2015.
  - a. The TAC proposal for partnering with Fort Madison to acquire the War of 1812 Battlefield Site was discussed at a meeting with members of the community.
3. Friends of Old Fort activities.
  - a. There have been meetings the past two weeks.
  - b. An estimated \$32,370 has been raised for acquisition of the Battlefield Site.
4. Easter service at Old Fort Replica will be Sunday morning, April 5, 2015.
  - a. The service will be held as stated.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ed Bearss (Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service) is in Fort Madison on March 17, 18, and 19, 2015, with various activities being held today.
  - a. Mr. Bearss toured the Battlefield Site and gave a talk.
2. Walker Collaborative will present their preliminary report at today's meeting.
  - a. At this point the business portion of the Old Fort Commission concluded at 5:24 PM and the formal presentation of the Walker Collaborative (WC) and the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) commenced.
  - b. Phil Walker (WC), David Currey (WC), John Doershuk (OSA), and Bill Whitaker (OSA) covered the following topics:
    - i. History of Fort Madison
    - ii. History of the Archaeological Site
    - iii. War of 1812 History
    - iv. Interpretation of the Battlefield Site
    - v. Implementation Management
  - c. The oral reports provided a summary of the written draft report which will be furnished in about a week.

ADJOURNMENT: Block MOVED, and Ford SECONDED, to ADJOURN the MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 4 – 0.

MEETING was ADJOURNED by Moehn at 6:58 PM.

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David Moehn  
Chair, Old Fort Commission

Date