

ACTION MINUTES
CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
MUSEUM BOARD

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
City Manager’s Conference Room—City Hall—300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chair John Pearse, Secretary Broeck Oder, Board Members Elayne Azevedo, Matthew Crawford, and David Law; City Council Liaison Robert Huitt; and Executive Director Jeanette Kihs. Also present: Director of Exhibits and Education Juan Govea.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved by consensus.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MUSEUM BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the 13 November 2018 meeting were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

A. Correspondence

None

B. City Council Liaison Comments

Council Member Huitt asked the members if there was anything he could do to be helpful, and also informed the members that City Manager Ben Harvey was not present due to his attendance at an out-of-town conference. Council Member Huitt also reported that the City Council is working on goal-setting for the next two years, including budget formulation. Council Member Huitt further noted the city “is in excellent shape financially,” albeit challenges remain to be faced in the three-to-five year window. Council Member Huitt also noted that the City’s “Hotel development opportunities are still there,” that the City should see a “reasonable” improvement in the tax base, and that the “water situation is hopeful.” Further, in its next or following meeting, the Council should be getting to the review of guidelines for all City boards and commissions. Council Member Huitt also thanked all members of the Board for their service prior to departing for another meeting at 5:18 p.m.

C. Museum Director's Monthly Reports for October, November, and December, 2018
Museum Director Kihs noted that November, 2018 saw more out-of-town people visiting the Museum than in-town people, which is a reverse of the norm. Director of Exhibits and Education Govea theorized that the fires in northern California essentially "drove" people toward our area due a need for temporary housing. Director Kihs further reported that from July 1 to date, attendance is up, and "pretty stable" compared to comparable periods at this time of year. Director Kihs also noted that the presentation on tides was a significant success, while the talk on migration and deportation generated "not too much, but a little" pushback, but "It wasn't pro or con . . . or political." Director Kihs also noted the talk was not much different or done differently than other cultural history/ anthropology presentations, such as that on the Chinese fishing village. Chair Pearse noted he saw "lots of people" at the talk that he had not seen at previous events.

D. City Manager's Comments

As noted, City Manager Harvey was not present due to an out-of-town conference.

E. Board Chair's Comments

Chair Pearse had no additional comments.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chair Pearse indicated everything looked good from his perspective, and all present concurred with this assessment.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Huitt's earlier comment included reference to the Council working on guidelines for city boards and commissions. Chair Pearse also noted that the Board calendar for 2019 had been approved and attached.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Director Kihs referenced the draft, which was attached, of the Museum's annual report for 2018. She also drew the attention of the Board to the Planning Calendar for 2019, noting these documents will be sent to the City Council.

B. Election of Officers for 2019: Chair Pearse is nearing the end of the maximum 12 year total term limit; the Board unanimously elected Member Elayne Azevedo to serve as Board Chair for the next year, and unanimously chose Chair Pearse to serve as Vice Chair, and Member Broeck Oder to serve again as Secretary in the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:53 P.Mm

