



The Douglas Henry State Museum Commission (DHSMC) Carousel Committee (CC) met at 9:15 a.m. on October 10, 2019 in the Stophel Center of Bryan College in Dayton TN with Chair Laura Travis presiding.

Members Present

Laura Travis, Chair
Ambassador Victor Ashe
Tina Hodges
Deanie Parker
Scott Price
Thomas S. Smith

Member Absent

Walter Knestrick

Ex Officio

Ashley Howell, TSM Executive Director

Participating Guest in Attendance

Janet Kleinfelter, Deputy Attorney General

Participating TSM Staff

Sharon Dennis, DHSMC Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Laura Travis called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m., verified a quorum was present following roll call and presided over the following business.

Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2019 Carousel Committee Meeting

Chair Travis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes from the Carousel Committee meeting on July 8, 2019. Thomas S. Smith moved to approve the minutes; Scott Price seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Chair called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Red Grooms Foxtrot Carousel

Chair Travis began by sharing the history of the Carousel which included the viewing of a condensed clip from the PBS broadcast "A Carousel of Time" narrated by Alex Joyce. Following the viewing, the Chair presented an overview of location options, whether the carousel should be static or operational, the immediate costs to assess both the restoration and the mechanical workings of the carousel, and acknowledged the wealth of information and assistance received from Alex Joyce, nephew of the late Senator Douglas Henry who de-assembled the carousel in 2003 for Metro Nashville, TSMF member Trudy Byrd and Commissioner Deanie Parker.

Detailed discussion included:

- Locations including a city or state park with the initial focus on the site indicated by the architectural firm of the new TSM in the original blueprint
- Use of TSM/State money held in trust by the TSMF in a restricted account for the carousel
- Assessment for restoration/conservation - BAS (Bynon Art Services)
- Assessment for mechanical restoration - Carousels And Carvings
- Project management candidate
- Architectural firm candidates
- Future Roundtable discussion with General Services and the State Building Commission
- Future discussion with Nashville's mayor
- Future steps identified a business plan is needed for all aspects of the project including but not limited to fundraising for an enclosed climate controlled structure, architectural renderings, project management, marketing, operations management, maintenance, oversight, staff, insurance, security and the establishment of fees to ride
- 100% of the project cost must be raised privately through a not-for-profit. Rumors of overage from the Capitol Campaign were dispelled.
- The Legislature will not be asked to fund any part of a future carousel project

Commissioners were intent on making certain that should approval move forward beyond any vote this day on a motion in favor of exploration to assess the cost of conservation and restoration, votes of affirmation would in no way obligate members to support a major campaign.

Chair Travis recognized Ms. Parker who moved to approve use of the carousel financial resources strictly for the purposes of exploration. The motion was seconded by Tina Hodges. The Chair called for discussion of the motion during which, for clarification, Mr. Smith amended the motion to include the approval of only two expenditures totaling \$39,000 to BAS (Bynon Art Services) and to Carousels And Carvings. Mr. Smith further recognized these expenses as pre-construction planning activities. Ms. Hodges seconded the amendment to the motion. Chair Travis called for the vote which carried unanimously with no abstentions and immediately adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Main Motions Summary

Motion #1: Moved by Thomas S. Smith to approve the July 8, 2019 Carousel Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Motion #2: Moved by Deanie Parker to approve use of the carousel financial resources strictly for the purposes of exploration totaling \$39,000 to BAS and Carousels and Carvings for pre-construction planning activities. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Laura Travis
Chair DHSMC Carousel Committee