

Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Culture & Heritage Committee Meeting
September 19th, 2019

Attendees:

AR (Terri McCullough, Pat Audriersch, Jim Craig, Joe St. Columbia)
MN (John Anfinson)
WI (Dennis Donath)
IA (Ann Geiger, Martin Graber)
KY (Nicole Rogers)

Discussion was held about the need of a co-chair member due to MN. not being able to participate at this time. A motion was made by Joe St. Columbia with a second by Ann Geiger to approve John Anfinson at the tech advisor for the area north of St. Louis. This motion gives John the authority to vote during conference calls. All present members voting aye, motion carried.

Next, the committee read over and discussed each of the interpretive center nominations. A motion was made by Ann Geiger with a second by John Anfinson to accept the Johnny Cash Boyhood Home as an interpretive center. All present members voting aye, motion carried. A motion was made by Ann Geiger with a second by Jim Craig to accept the Sultana Disaster Museum as an interpretive center. All present members voting aye, motion carried. A motion was made by Ann Geiger to table the Delta Gateway Museum. No second was made. Motion died. A motion was made by Dennis Donath with a second by Martin Graber to accept the Delta Gateway Museum as an interpretive center. All present members voting aye, motion carried.

While reviewing the current Interpretive Center checklists, it was recommended that each state chairman check into their own interpretive center websites to make sure there is a button to The Great River Road link.

Next, the committee reviewed and discussed responsibilities in regards to the Corridor Management Plan. It was stated that the focus should remain on intrinsic qualities.

In state news, AR reported that they have 3 new interpretive centers within their state. Also, IA educated the committee about a place called “Young House”. It is the home of Joe Young, a creator of MRPC. IA informed every one of the history and said that the proper channels are being taken to move toward the possibility of a future Interpretive Center.

In other news, a motion was made by Joe St.Columbia with a second by Ann Geiger that after a meeting with the director of the Putnam Museum and based on the director’s response IA will either recommend that the Putnam Museum be removed or continue as an interpretive center. The Putnam will only be removed per the vote of the IA commission. All present members voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe St. Columbia and seconded by Martin Graber to adjourn. All present members voting aye, motion carried.