



## Mississippi River Parkway Commission

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# Mississippi River Parkway Commission Culture & Heritage Minutes

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## NOTES

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### Attendees:

KY (Nicole Rogers)

IA (Ann Geiger, Martin Graber)

AR (Joe St Columbia, Pat Audrisch)

MS (Anne Ventress)

Chairs: Dr. Ruth Hawkins, Sheronne Mulry

Committee reviewed responsibilities with regard to Corridor Management Plan tracking. As part of our responsibility to identify and promote intrinsic qualities along the route, committee determined that the focus should be on the intrinsic qualities represented by the interpretive centers.

Dennis from WI sent samples of rack cards that WI did for intrinsic qualities. Ruth brought prototypes of 12 different rack cards. Based on intrinsic qualities represented, the themes include: Father of Waters, Nature's Handiwork, Watchable Wildlife, Transportation, Arts & Culture, Glimpses of History, Early Settlements, Conflicts of Strife, Architectural Gems, River Industries, Recreation and Native Americans. Recreation has duplicates on Watchable Wildlife and Nature's Handiwork. Decided to leave out Recreation and combine with other cards if possible to avoid duplicating any Interpretive Centers. Ruth has a grant that expires in June for \$2500. Discussion on changing Native Americans card to Mound Builders. She will send PDFs to everyone so they can review their state's interpretive centers, category and contact info. IA made a motion to approve, print cards after May 1 review and distribute. Second by MS. AR made a request for additional funds from the board. MN seconded. Motion carried.

Also as part of the committee's CMP responsibilities, need to look at interpretive signage in the right of way in each state. (Not talking about signage on the property of various attractions, but roadside signage, historic markers, pull-off interpretive panels, etc.) If each state comes up with what's in each state, then transportation could do the GPS mapping. Committee members need to discuss this inventory within their state commissions and bring back inventories. Many may



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already have this. (Example, most states have a data base of historic markers throughout the state and their locations.)

IA reported on Burlington and they are in order and excited. Concerns about getting to Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center. She will monitor Putnam Museum. States must decide if an activity no longer represents the criteria required for an interpretive center, then present to this committee for deactivating if officially requested by state. **Ensuring the integrity of our Interpretive Centers will be a major committee responsibility in carrying out the Corridor Management Plan.**

Update on Stories. Frank collected. We need to find out what he has. Then once we find out, we need to decide what to do with them.

We need to look at criteria for an interpretive center recognition. Process by next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.