

I. OPENING

Special meeting called to order at 6:00 by Commissioner O'Hara. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Susan O'Hara/Jean Giannini/Doug Mooney/Toni Scolari.

STAFF PRESENT:

Christina Boone/Alex Service

II. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

III. BUSINESS

A. Photo Use Request from Jerry Rohde

The Depot Museum has received a request from Humboldt County historian Jerry Rohde to use photographs from the museum collection in his forthcoming book *Both Sides of the Bluff*, focusing on the Fortuna and Table Bluff areas. The book is a publication in the Humboldt County Historical Society's "Writing Humboldt History" series, and is due out in October 2014. Mr. Rohde proposed that, in return for use of photographs in the museum collection, he could either give the Depot Museum an increased resale discount, or could trade a certain number of free copies of the book for sale in the Depot Museum gift shop. Mr. Rohde requested that, if this option is preferred, the Commission determine what number of photographs per free book they believe to be a fair trade. Commissioner O'Hara opened the discussion by stating that she feels strongly the resources of the museum should be free for non-profit purposes such as publications by other historical organizations. She emphasized how crucial it was for the publication of our Arcadia Publishing Northwestern Pacific Railroad book that other institutions allowed us to use their photographs free of charge.

After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Rohde would be given access to the Depot Museum's photograph collection for use in his book, free of charge. -M/S/C - Giannini/Mooney

A second motion was proposed that a policy be developed governing the use of photographs in the museum collection. Supervisor Boone was requested to research such policies in place at other historical organizations and bring a policy proposal to the Historical Commission at an upcoming meeting. The policy should differentiate between public/non-profit and private/for-profit usage. Also the policy should address whether it is permitted for members of the public to photograph artifacts in the Fortuna Depot Museum collection. - M/S/C - Mooney/Scolari

B. Museum Security Cameras Purchase

This special Historical Commission meeting was called in order to address the question of purchasing security cameras for the Depot Museum, rather than tabling the matter until the next regularly-scheduled meeting. At the Historical Commission meeting of 3/12/2014, the estimate by the City of Fortuna's IT contractor Nylex was discussed, and Commissioners raised a number of questions. A reply from Nylex has been received, answering the Commissioners' questions. After discussion, it was decided to move ahead with the security camera purchase and installation as described in the Nylex e-mail messages of 2/24/14 and 3/27/14, with the addition of the proprietary DVR system, and with the related cable installation work to be done by COF Maintenance personnel. - M/S/C - Scolari/Giannini

VI. Adjournment:

Next regular Historical Commission meeting, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at **6:00 p.m.** at the Depot Museum. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. - M/S/C - Mooney/Scolari