



Partnership Meeting Notes

November 15, 2007

Fort Leavenworth, Eisenhower Hall, DePuy Auditorium

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Judy Billings welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced this as a special day. Today is the orientation for the time-line and details for public input concerning Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area Management Plan. She expressed special thanks to the Fort Leavenworth Personnel for the arrangements and then introduced Judge Deanell Tacha, Chair Board of Trustees, who has been involved in this project since the beginning.

Judge Tacha began by stating; "Today, I see the start of an extraordinary opportunity." She introduced Lieutenant General Robert Arter, U.S. Army Retired and Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the State of Kansas. Lt. Gen. Arter welcomed everyone on behalf of the Commander. He then gave a brief history of Fort Leavenworth. The Fort is the oldest active military installation west of the Mississippi.

Judge Tacha thanked Lt. Gen. Arter for his information and for his service on the FFNHA Board of Trustees. She requested suggestions from everyone to fill the two vacant Missouri seats on the Board of Trustees. She stated how important it is for the Board of Trustees and the Partners to know each other to attain a common ground. Judge Tacha then requested the Board Members introduce themselves and include some personal information.

Lieutenant General Robert Arter was an Infantry Officer, Deputy Commander and attended General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. After retirement he and his wife choose to return to the Fort Leavenworth area to live.

John Dillingham is a Missouri representative on the Board of Trustees. He referred to the "Border War" KU vs. MU upcoming football game and stated that it is important that we do our job here, since no other area has the history of controversy. He stated that we need to tell this story to preserve it for the next wave of evolution of America.

Karen McCarthy a Kansas representative, taught school in Shawnee Mission, moved to Westport, served in the Missouri Legislature for 18 years. She has returned to teaching and is interested in preserving the history of this area.

Emmanuel Northern from Kansas City, KS and associated with the Vernon Center and the historic site of Quindaro, and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 36 years. His interest stems from the stories of his Grandfather, who went to Canada, came back into the U. S. in Maine,

made his way to Missouri. He came to a bend in the Missouri River and felt if he made it across (to Kansas) "He would be Okay!".

Ed Rolf from Junction City, Kansas was born and raised there. He knows a lot happened on the western edge of the territory and wants to make sure those stories are told.

Ellie McCoy is from Wichita, Kansas and she loves Kansas. She has served on several Kansas State Commissions.

Charles Jones is the Director of Kansas University Public Management Center and thinks about the issues and values of this area that need to be discussed.

David Dunfield from Lawrence, Kansas has served with Judy Billings from the beginning of this effort. He is looking forward to this next step and hopes to erase the "Border".

Charles Clark from Prairie Village, Kansas is a retired business manager who has also lived in Missouri. He is very interested in the history of both states and is looking forward to raising money for this endeavor.

Judge Tacha described Judy Billings as the mainstay for Freedom's Frontier. In the past month she has moved her office and set up Destination Management Inc which will oversee the heritage area.

Each of the partners then introduced themselves and gave the organization they represented.

Judge Tacha continued by explaining that we need every county commissioner and city administrator to know about FFNHA and become involved. These powerful stories about freedom, with all the conflict of many kinds of people who came together for many reasons, must be told and preserved for future generations. She explained, this is not about sides, mine or yours, we must join together to tell the story, leaving aside our turf and see ourselves as being a part of the whole. The National Park Service no longer creates new National Parks due to the expense. Our grass roots effort by joining together to tell the stories, we are this century's way to expand the National Park Service and tell our story to the nation. With this vision in mind, what will we look like in a decade?

All the places must be connected, not just chronologically, but through the relationship of the stories. People traveling will have maps, virtual tours, IMAX presentations and more. No matter where in the area they go through a gateway, they will hear the stories. The United States has decided to preserve their important stories and we are one! We are literally one generation away from losing these stories. We must tell the stories with integrity with each piece of the story contributing to the whole. We have for too long viewed this as two sides. We need every county commission, every state legislator and city official to know what we are doing. The Management Plan must be approved by 2009. We can make a real difference economically in our area. This area can be a magnet for our children and grandchildren who don't know the stories. Judge Tacha requested the partners to join with the Board of Trustees to bring this

together. She said, “We (the board) won’t tell you how to tell your stories, but we will make sure they are told with integrity.” She thanked everyone for all they are doing.

Billings introduced Cheryl Hargrove, who will be the Project Coordinator. Hargrove gave a brief overview of the next steps. This is the beginning the process of the Management Plan which will be the guide for FFNHA for the next 10 to 20 years. The plan must be created by the partners and be customized so that people know when they hear FFNHA what this area is about. **She followed with the attached presentation.**

All attending were requested to submit:

1. How would you like to participate in the planning process during the next year?
2. What would you like to see 10 years from now concerning FFNHA?
3. What do you want answered during this year’s planning process or articulated in the management plan?

After lunch, General Arter introduced Colonel Thomas Weafer, Assistant Deputy Commandant, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Colonel Weafer gave presentation about Fort Leavenworth including the history and present status. He addressed the part the Fort has in FFNHA and invited all present to tour the facility.

Billings discussed the importance of the December meeting as the group will continue to develop the Management Plan and thanked everyone for participating. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Ann Crume

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