

Dipattamenton Kaohao Guinahan Chamorro

Department of Chamorro Affairs
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
October 18, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Joe McDonald, Acting Chairperson; Shana Pangelinan, Treasurer/Acting Secretary; Ed Benavente, Vicente Meno, and Maria Vilante.

Members Absent:

John Mafnas, Chairman.

Management & Staff:

Cathy Gogue, Acting President; Juanita P. Quintanilla, Administrative Services Officer; Simeon Palomo, Planning & Development; Jeffrey San Nicolas, Chamorro Village Manager; Anthony Ramirez, Acting Guam Museum Administrator/Curator and Jennifer G. Paulino.

Call to Order:

The Department of Chamorro Affairs Board of Trustees October 18, 2012 meeting was called to order by Joe McDonald, Acting Chairperson.

President's Report:

Acting President Gogue reported that all of the divisions within the Department of Chamorro have been very busy. The Guam Council of the Arts & Humanities just completed their Production Workshop. The Public Broadcast System Guam (PBS) completed a Read a Thon. The proceeds from the fundraiser brought in about Fifty-Thousand Dollars. Acting President Gogue anticipates raising more funds on the next fundraiser. PSB has also completed its second episode of "I Know Guam". This second episode will be focusing on the Ritidan Site. This will be aired on television sometime next week. The Chamorro Village held a tenant meeting. Mr. Jeff San Nicolas, Chamorro Village Manager reminded each tenant present the importance of abiding by the Rules and Regulations and that each tenant will be accountable for any breach of contract. A special board meeting will be scheduled to discuss the current issues with Chamorro Village. The Guam Museum Foundation (GMF) will be holding a "Friends of the Museum" press conference tomorrow, September 19, 2012 at the Guam Premiere Outlet. The GMF will be garnering registration from the public to become members. All members will be receiving updates on the development of the new Guam Museum which will also include updates on the Latte of Freedom.

Member Meno asked who legally owns the Chamorro Village? Does the Federal Government or the Government of Guam? Acting Board Chair McDonald responded that the construction of the Chamorro Village was funded by the Federal Government. However after Fifteen years the Government of Guam is now the owner. This was a part of the contract agreement with the between the Federal Government and the Government of Guam. Chamorro Village Manger, San

Nicolas mentioned that research is being done to find any documents recorded with regard to the releasing of the property back to the Government of Guam. Acting President Gogue, again mentioned that there will be a special board meeting with the board of trustees and management to discuss issues such as the Chamorro Village Rules & Regulations, contracts, extensions, incubator program, etc. Acting Chair McDonald agreed to table this discussion until the special board meeting. Member Pangelinan requested that the board be provided copy of the Chamorro Village Rules & Regulations, current contracts/leases and all records for review prior to the meeting.

Old Business:

Approval of Board Minutes

Motion was made by Member Meno, seconded by Member Benavente to approve the September 29, 2012 Board Minutes, subject to a correction. Motion approved.

New Business:

Recruitment of Guam Museum Positions

Acting President Gogue, proudly announce the recruitment of the Guam Museum Curator and the Museum Assistant positions. The recruitment of these positions is important in anticipation of the new Guam Museum Facility on December 2014. Mr. Anthony Ramirez, Acting Guam Museum Administrator/Curator, has turned in his letter of resignation, effective December 28, 2012. Management is working with Department of Administration Recruitment Division to also recruit the Guam Museum Administrator's position.

Board members voiced their sentiments on the design of the Guam Museum. Member Meno and Member Pangelinan did not agree with the exterior design. They felt that it does not display the Chamorro culture. Board members requested that they be updated on the build up and also questioned if the design of the Museum was finalized. Acting President Gogue mentioned that an Educational Quality Committee (EQC) was formed. This Committee is chaired by Dr. Marilyn Salas. Dr. Aguon reminded the board that the Department of Chamorro Affairs is mandated by law to be in charge of committees such as this and did not agree with committees outside of the department making discussions without the department's consent. All members agreed. Acting President Gogue agreed and noted that the EQC should consult the DCA Board on all issues being discussed.

Revitalizing Business Selection Sub-Committee

Member Pangelinan explained that she was a previous member of the board during the last administration. During this time she was a member of the Chamorro Village sub-committee. However, the current board has not voted on any sub-committees. Acting President Gogue then requested volunteers to head and create sub-committees for the Chamorro Village and the Guam Museum.

Motion was made by Member Pangelinan, seconded by Member Benavente to nominate Member Meno to Chair and create a Chamorro Village Sub-Committee. Motion was also to nominate Member Meno, as Chairperson for the Chamorro Village Sub-Committee. By unanimous vote, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Member Pangelinan, seconded by Member Benavente to nominate Vice Chair McDonald to Chair and create a Guam Museum Sub-Committee. By unanimous vote, motion was approved.

Alternate Chairperson(s) for each sub-committee will be voted on during their meetings. All board members agreed.

Research Publication & Training Division

Acting President Gogue welcomed the attendance of Board Member Dr. Katherine B. Aguon. After the Department relocated to its new office, it has had several events in which Dr. Aguon was not able to attend but was recognized for her hard work and dedication for the department. Dr. Aguon was a part of the committee who created Public Law 25-69 (creation of the Department of Chamorro Affairs). Board Chairman Mafnas and President Artero-Cameron requested that Dr. Aguon be recognized during this board meeting. The Department has dedicated a commemorative wall in the front entrance of the President's office featuring her photo. Member Dr. Aguon spoke on the history of the Research, Publication & Training Division. She explained the importance of this division and how its vision and functions are to perpetuate our Chamorro language, culture and heritage. She iterated the strength and power that Public Law 25-69 provides for the department. She discourages the influence of outsiders and to be mindful that Chamorro culture is very hard to isolate. Continued research has to be conducted by the Department of Chamorro Affairs. Past research conducted for the Chamorro English Dictionary was done by a panel of volunteers. The Chamorro language is in danger. Scientific studies of the different authenticities are identified by language. If we lose our language we lose our heritage. Research for the Chamorro language is very complicated and difficult to teach. Member Dr. Aguon understands the limited funding the department faces every year, but recommends that the department present plans to the Guam Legislature in support of our programs in need of funding. Dr. Aguon believes that the Guam Legislature will support these efforts and also suggested sending out press release to the public.

Acting Chairperson McDonald requested that Acting President Gogue look into the funding of revitalizing the RPT programs in terms of the department's mandates.

Other Discussions/Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Member Meno, seconded by Member Benavente to adjourn the meeting. Without further discussion motion was approved to adjourn meeting.


APPROVED BY:



JOHN MAFNAS
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
Dipåttamenton I Kaohao Guinahan Chamorro

11.29.12

Date




SHANA PANGELINAN
Acting Secretary, Board of Trustees
Dipåttamenton I Kaohao Guinahan Chamorro

11/29/12

Date

ATTESTED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT:




JOSEPH ARTERO-CAMERON
President
Dipåttamenton I Kaohao Guinahan Chamorro

11/29/12

Date

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