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MINUTES OF INDIAN CAVES COMMISSION - FEBRUARY 7, 1967

The Indian Caves Commission met at The Executive Building on February 7, 1967 at 7:30 P.M. Members present were as follows:

Theodore J. Wirth, Chairman  
Stuart Conner  
Conna May  
Rockwood Brown  
Mayor Fraser  
Spencer Lawson - Visitor

Discussion was held on ways to make the public more aware of the Caves and also of need for aid. The scenic value of the Caves should be stressed - not archeological. It was suggested ways should be investigated for preparing a brochure to sell the idea of the Caves.

Rockwood Brown suggested that first something should be done about the signs (geological - archeological) old sign was broken up probably for firewood. Minimum development should be done - should try to get some concrete tables, and have the Park Department take out wood for people to use instead of having them chop up signs, etc.

~~Pressure could be put on the Council through the people. There is a need for publicity. It was suggested Mayor Fraser should appoint John Talbot to the Commission to replace Mr. Addison Bragg as Mr. Bragg never seems to get to the meetings.~~

Mayor Fraser suggested Ted Wirth contact the Montana Engineers, Billings Chapter, about the cistern which they had promised to locate and install. Discussion was held and Mayor Fraser was to see if he could get someone to donate a pitcher pump for the cistern.

The first step is to complete the fencing and somehow make the public aware of the need to protect the area. There should be some way to lock up the area at night as that is when most of the vandalism has occurred in the past. Perhaps the road past could be patrolled at night. The Boy Scouts have been quite helpful in the past and if it could be arranged to have the Scouts work one full Saturday on cleanup and fencing and perhaps planting Yucca or other native shrubs to make sure people used just the marked paths the work on this part could be completed. After these basic first steps are completed then the long range plan could be discussed and started. Jaycees could perhaps help with tables.

Signs should be made for restrooms, and explanatory signs for showing way to interesting sites.

Mr. Wirth appointed Con Reidl to be chairman of subcommittee on fence, Stuart Conner assistant chairman. The work on the fence should be taken care of no later than the middle of April. Stu Conner in charge of signs also.

Ted Wirth will work with Engineers on the well.

Rockwood Brown - responsibility on how you can get some trails built. Ted is to get prints to Rocky.

Mr. Spencer Lawson is to be an associate member of the commission and will help in any way he can.

Mayor Fraser said there will be Easter Sunrise Services at the Caves again this year.

Meeting was set as Tuesday, March 7, 1967.

See about oiling the road.

Ted to have Larry check on drawings and models at Bozeman on his trip there.