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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: March 5, 2018
MEMO TO: Craig Taylor, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: Nan Buckardt
Director of Education

RECOMMENDATION: Approve amendment to the Mission Statement for the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Communication, Education and Outreach; Public Access and Connections

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact associated with this recommendation.

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Forest Preserve District (“District”) owns and operates the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County (“Museum”). The District has an approved Mission Statement for the Museum, which is a requirement of accreditation through the American Alliance of Museums. The current Mission Statement was approved by the Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee in August 2009 in advance of the Museum’s re-accreditation that year with the American Alliance of Museums.

There is a need to update the Mission Statement to reflect the following:

1. The name of the Museum has been changed from the Lake County Discovery Museum to the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County.
2. The Museum’s Collections Policies have been updated to reflect the deaccession of the Curt Teich Postcard Archives.

The Mission Statement, approved in 2009, is:

The Lake County Discovery Museum is a public educational institution devoted to preserving history through its collections and the presentation of inspiring exhibitions. Primary areas of expertise for research and programming include the history of Lake County, IL and the history of postcards.

The recommended Mission Statement is:

The Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County collects, preserves, and interprets the material culture of Lake County, IL, and provides captivating educational experiences for the benefit of every Lake County resident.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Superintendent of Educational Facilities, Corporate Counsel.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the amended Mission Statement for the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County as provided above.

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____