

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting
October 21, 2021, 4:00pm
Greeley History Museum**

Meeting digitally recorded; transcribed by Samantha Foyle

Call to Order: 4:00 PM

Roll Call:

Members Present - Adrian Sdano, Emma Pena-McCleave, Floris Mikkelsen, Gary Alexander, George Junne, Joseph Lesko, Laura Reeser, Michael Weiland, Daina Bustillos

Staff Present- Holly Berg, Jason Evenson, Sarah Lester, Katie Ross, Sarah Saxe, Samantha Foyle

Members absent – None

Approval of September 2021 Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Floris Mikkelsen, seconded by Emma Pena-McCleave. Motion passed unanimously.

Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department Report (Jason Evenson): Andy McRoberts Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation Department is retiring as of November 1st, 2021. City Council approved funding for 2022 and is much closer to 2019 funding. A Community Needs assessment will be implemented in early 2022 to go along with the Department assessment which concluded earlier this year.

Culture Division Report (Jason Evenson): Season is underway with three solid performances so far and we are looking forward to upcoming performances and Holiday Events.

Museums Report (Sarah Saxe): Curator of Historic Sites position has been offered to a candidate with a start date of December 20th. Attendance numbers are still down from 2019 (<50%). Museum at Twilight Event attendances has steadily increased. September's event had about 30 people in attendance for the Hispanic Women of Weld County. October's event had 82 people in attendance for the Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado and the Treasurers Convention. Sarah Lester organized field trips throughout September with an attendance of 1,088 Students. Plans are in place to have a one-week History Fest in the spring and fall of 2022. Katie Ross has been updating the emergency plan, as well as working on reparative description work correcting errors in collections and focusing on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. Holly Berg closed the "War Comes Home" Exhibit. The "Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy: League of Women Voters of Greeley-Weld County" Exhibit opened October 7th. "War Comes Home" digital exhibit is live on our website. Staff at Centennial Village are continuing to winterize grounds.

Upcoming Events:

- October 28th at Greeley History Museum: Brown Bag Presentation about Ghost Stories of Greeley
- November 3rd at UCCC John Fielder 'Weld County: 4,000 Square Miles of Grandeur, Greatness & Yesterdays' Book Signing and Presentation
- November 11th at Greeley History Museum: Museum at Twilight Event co-hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution (Free Admission for Veterans/Active Duty Military for Veterans Day)
- November 27th at Greeley History Museum: Holiday Open House with Free Admission

Friends of the Greeley Museums Report (Laura Reeser):

Current membership is 27 which is comprised of Single, Dual & Family Memberships, Raised \$1,200.00 and pledge to attend the John Fielder Event. Actively working to drum up membership. Easy to join via friendsoftgm.org Members of the Friend get free admission and invitations to special events as well as 10% off in the Gift Shop.

Public/Board Input - Committee Reports:

- Funding Team (Daina/Flo/Emma/George/Mike/Gary) – Meeting Next Tuesday, October 26th pending Draft readiness. Review the Draft and Case Study.
- Experiences Team (Mark/Mike/George) – Touch-based interactives returned to the gallery after reviewing COVID-19 studies and lack of spread via touch.
- Acquisitions Committee (Adrian/Joe) – There were no deaccessions approved by the Museums Acquisitions Committee in October

New Business:

- Deaccessions (Jo Anna/Katie) - Flo moved to accept removal, George seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- White Plumb Farm Plans and Progress letter (all) – Dedicated funding approved for maintaining the property until a decision is made.

Old Business:

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Next Meeting: Thursday, November 18th, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Greeley History Museums

Adjourn: Michael adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm

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