

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting
August 19, 2021, 4:00pm
Greeley History Museum**

Meeting digitally recorded; transcribed by Leslie Evans

Call to Order: 4:05 PM

Roll Call:

Members Present – Flo Mikkelson, Daina Bustillos, George Junne, Emma Pena-McCleave, Gary Alexander

Members absent – Mike Weiland

Approval of July 2021 Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by George Junne, seconded by Daina Bustillos. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of July Experience Team Subcommittee Minutes: Motion to approve by Emma Pena-McCleave, seconded by Daina Bustillos. Motion passed unanimously

Culture, Parks and Recreation Department Report (Andy McRoberts): The Department is expecting suggestions from Finance regarding the 2022 budget next week, as well as the results from the Department-wide assessment. The findings will be shared with the board once the Department staff have been informed.

Culture Division Report (Jason Evenson): Not in attendance.

Museums Report (Sarah Saxe): Thanks to the efforts of Sarah Lester at staff safety and site & collections security, the flood damage at Centennial Village was minimized. To prepare for the possibility of future issues, Katie organized an emergency planning meeting. Despite the flood damage, the Naturalization Ceremony, Stampede, bluegrass concert, Plumb Farm Family Reunion, Weld County Fair, and FOGM Ice Cream Social were successful. Barry and Braden are continuing site maintenance, including a fresh coat of paint at Rattlesnake Kate's House. They also completed construction on a shelter for the White Wagon. To combat disappointing attendance (<50%), a community input meeting was held at the end of July. 26 people from underrepresented community members shared that it was difficult to connect with the Museums without their stories being told. Also suggested sharing the positive stories about the communities of color. There will be additional discussions at another meeting in October, as well as a November museum visit to share the errors and gaps they see in the collections. Will consider a long-term redesign of the gallery to adopt their suggestions. The continued struggle to fill the Curator of Historic Sites in addition to other staff shortages has been discouraging. Staff will be meeting soon to consider options. Flo suggested utilizing the help of the Garden Club for gardening shortages. Hoping for approval of the budget

request for a consultant to assess community needs next year.

Friends of the Greeley Museums Report (Laura Reeser): Due to the lack of volunteers, Potato Day did not happen this year. At the meeting last week, grant or scholarship opportunities to encourage future participation were discussed. Proud of the attendance at the most recent Museum at Twilight event featuring a genealogy presentation. Next month's will highlight the Hispanic Women of Weld.

Public/Board Input - Committee Reports:

- Funding Team (Daina/Flo/Emma) – Will meet on 08/24 to edit the Capital Campaign Case statement.
- Experiences Team (Mark/Mike/George) – See committee minutes.
- Acquisitions Committee (Katie/Jo) – The High Plains Library District rescinded their offer of the Greeley Tribune donation. They will be digitizing the collection.

New Business:

- Proposal to amend Board Rules and Regulations Section VI. C. as follows:
 - Current: A quorum shall consist of five (5) members
 - Proposed: A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of appointed members

Motion to approve by Emma Pena-McCleave, seconded by Daina Bustillos.
Motion passed unanimously.

- Current: Jason Evenson designated as Director.
- Proposed: Jason Evenson designated as Manager.

Motion to approve by Daina Bustillos, seconded by George Junne. Motion passed unanimously.

- Current: Members will call chair in event of absence.
- Proposed: Members will notify chair in event of absence.

Motion to approve by George Junne, seconded by Gary Alexander. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

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Next Meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Greeley History Museums

Adjourn: Flo adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm

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Board Chair:

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Date:

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