

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting
September 16, 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, Gary Alexander, George Junne, Joseph Lesko, Michael Weiland

Staff Present- Holly Berg, Jason Evenson, Sarah Lester, Andy Roberts, Katie Ross, Sarah Saxe, JoAnna Luth Stull, Samantha Foyle

Members absent – Daina Bustillos, Floris Mikkelsen, and Laura Reeser,

Approval of August 2021 Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Emma Pena-McCleave, seconded by Joseph Lesko. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of August Funding Subcommittee Minutes: Motion to approve by Emma Pena-McCleave, seconded by Adrian Sdano. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September Community Input Subcommittee Minutes: Motion to approve by Emma Pena-McCleave, seconded by Adrian Sdano. Motion passed unanimously.

Culture, Parks and Recreation Department Report (Andy McRoberts):

The 2022 Budget was presented to City Council Tuesday evening, no questions were asked awaiting formal approval process in October. Approximately two million dollars in requests were approved including the Gift Shop and additional part time staff. Will be able to go into more details after formal approval of over thirty requested items. At this time the budget will not have any effect to operating hours. The Department is winding down final results of the department assessment. One recommendation as result of the assessment is to move Culture from Culture, Parks and Recreation into its own Department. Details as far as budget and organization need to be reviewed before a restructuring plan can be put into place.

Culture Division Report (Jason Evenson): Working on implementation of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training for boards and staff, budget is already available and is looking for a contractor to provide training. Continuing to promote safe activities in order to keep offering services to citizens.

Museums Report (Sarah Saxe): The search for Curator of Historic Sites position

continues with final interviews for two candidates to be held in mid-October. Attendance numbers are still down from 2019 (<50%). We have noticed an increase in attendance from the summer months. Two UNC Interns helping with projects this year. The first project is a joint project with our GIS Department using abstracts of land and then mapping them on to the city's GIS Map, so homeowners can see if they have an abstract and come view it. There are hundreds of abstracts to get through so this will be a continued project for future Interns. The second project is a Digitization Internship with History Department at UNC and sis working on digitizing the Union Colony Letters to Meeker, to make the letters more accessible to residents and are also working on teaching guides so teachers can use them for lesson planning. Holly was able to create a digital exhibit of "War Come Home" on our website that has interactive elements and helps preserve the current exhibit that will be leaving September 25th. The Agricultural feast was well attended with 300 attendees. Finishing out the season with Field Trips booked through the rest of September which has been exciting for teachers and students. Guest curated exhibit by the League of Women Voters opens October 7th.

Friends of the Greeley Museums Report (Laura Reeser) John Fielder created a book of photography entitled 'Weld County: 4,000 Square Miles of Grandeur, Greatness & Yesterdays'. Book signing and lecture to be held at UCCC on November 3rd all proceeds from ticket sales and 25% of book sales will go to Friends of the Greeley Museum.

Public/Board Input - Committee Reports:

- Funding Team (Daina/Flo/Emma/George/Mike/Gary) – Great input in plain talk regarding expectations. Next meeting invitation for community members to visit the gallery and offer feedback.
- Experiences Team (Mark/Mike/George) – No recent meetings. Free Admission for Veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th. The next Museum at Twilight even will be cohosted by the Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado. Attendance at the last Twilight featured Hispanic Women of Weld with the highest attendance so far.
- Acquisitions Committee (Adrian/Joe) – New members Adrian Sdano and Joe Lesko. Deaccessioned a couple of artifacts.

New Business:

- Sponsors to cover meals for the community input meetings.
- Board members are asked to solicit donations (monetary or food) from local businesses to support meal expenses at future community input meetings.

Old Business:

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Next Meeting: Thursday October 21st, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Greeley History Museums

Adjourn: Michael adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm

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