

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting
February 16th, 2023, 4:00pm
Greeley History Museum**

Meeting digitally recorded; transcribed by Samantha Ashton

Call to Order: 4:00 PM

Roll Call:

Members Present- Gary Alexander, Marcus Embry, George Junne, Floris Mikkelsen, Emma Pena-McCleave, Nancy Masimer

Staff Present- Holly Berg, Chris Bowles, Geoff Havens, Katie Ross, JoAnna Luth Stull, and Ashley Weesner

Members absent – Mike Weiland (Chair)

Approval of January 19th, 2022, Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Motion to approve by George Junne, seconded by Marcus Embry. Motion passed unanimously.

Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department Report (John Dargle): In place of John, Ashley Weesner, Grant Specialist from the Finance Department will be presenting the American Rescue Plan Act funds. American Rescue Plan is tied to an economic stimulus bill. City of Greeley was allotted fund million and has spent a portion in direct response to Covid. The remaining funds will be put out for a competitive application process in which a portion will go to outside agencies we partner with and City Projects. The Projects we are focusing on are building community resilience, creating community quality of life and destinations, enhancing mobility, activating economic corridors. This is a onetime funding source and want to inject funds into projects that are impactful for the city and lack typical funding options. During this process we are hoping to have community engagement with a survey in which the community can rate what they see as a priority through Speak Up Greeley. Internal and External applications will be sent to committees to be brought to City Council for the Budget process. They do want to make sure that projects align with City Council priorities. Applications must align with priority areas and be completed by May 19, 2023. Decisions on how the funds are spent must be made by December 31, 2024 and the project must be completed by December 31, 2026. Program guidelines are in place to show the process from start to finish. Each project will be reviewed by committees assigned to each focused area.

Culture Division Report (Andrea Haring): Still in the process of hiring the Cultural Affairs Manager hope to have the position filled in March.

Museums Report (Chris Bowles): Looking at staff rearrangements to boost part time staff pay and hours where applicable and looking to the future for more positions in the future and the 2024 budget process. Attended the Farm Show and led to outreach with our agricultural community about the Agricultural Heritage Center with 60 surveys completed. Main theme of the survey and feedback related to Water in the new building.

Rattlesnake Kate t-shirts have been successful with 83 sold. The Culture Department ordered shirts to be sent to the sister city of Greeley in Japan. The “Positively Colorado: Bittersweet memories of the Braceros” interview staff was held at the Greeley History Museum and is now available online with 9News. Staff traveled down to Lakewood to the Belmont Heritage Center to discuss different event opportunities that we can bring to our Centennial Village and other Historic Sites. Riverside Library is hosting traveling exhibits in the spring and fall and met with Holly and JoAnna regarding traveling exhibit process. Spring History Fest registration went live and is almost full. Katie Henry has been looking at doing extensive research in and around the Meeker Home, looking for more stories to tell our community. Katie Ross is meeting with vendors for our Collection Database and demoing different options, our current system Pass Perfect is having connectivity issues in remote situations. Increase in Library Pass visits with a total of 22. The research center had a large order of reproduction images for the Linc Library Location. A new assistant registrar will be starting in March. Social Media reach continues to stay steady.

Friends of the Greeley Museums Report (Floris Mikkelson): Starting to plan Potato Day, planning to expand the membership with the updated website and hoping to get more board members. Annual meeting business date set for March 4th.

Public/Board Input - Committee Reports:

- Experiences Team (Mike/George) – Detailed planning of this year’s Museum at Twilight the dates for the event are March 4th, June 10th, September 16th, and December 9th. March 4th will be fashion related with different models wearing period clothing from the costume collection. June 10th will be all about Dearfield and its National Parks designation. September 16th will be the opening of Delores Muerta exhibit. December 9th will be about Historic Holiday Drinks around Colorado. Wall between the Main Gallery and the East Gallery will need to come down due to structural requirements. The newest exhibit will be in the West Gallery. Riverside Library requested traveling exhibits for March and November. Centennial Village is going through their upkeep and maintenance projects consisting of replacing the HVAC system at Monfort House, replacing stairs to collections storage in the Carriage House, and plaster replacement and asbestos abatement in Shaw House, Chicken Coup maintenance and painting restrooms.
- Acquisitions Committee (Marcus/Staff) – Deaccession of glass milk containers Motion to approve by Emma Pena-McCleave, seconded by Marcus Embry. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Questions for staff from MAB
 - Q. (Floris Mikkelson) Can we have a Heritage Day at Centennial Village celebrating our diverse community?
 - A. (Geoff Havens) We will see this happening throughout this year, with different event’s welcoming our diverse community to the Centennial Village Museum.

- Questions to MAB from staff
 - (Geoff Havens) Has the board visited all the Historic Sites?
 - Board would like to attend all Historic Sites and possibly schedule future board meetings at different sites.
 - (Chris Bowles) Reminding the Board about potential projects for the American Rescue Plan Fund.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 16th, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Greeley History Museum

Adjourn: Flo adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

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