

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting
March 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, Nancy Masimer, Floris Mikkelson, Emma Pena-McCleave, Mike Weiland (Chair)

Staff Present- Chris Bowles, Geoff Havens, Katie Ross, JoAnna Luth Stull, Samantha Ashton, John Dargle

Approval of December 15, 2022, Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Motion to approve by Floris Mikkelson, seconded by Marcus Embry. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of February 16, 2022, Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Motion to approve by Floris Mikkelson, seconded by Marcus Embry. Motion passed unanimously.

Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department Report (John Dargle): Finalized interviews for selecting consultant for department master plan, we selected Barry Dutton out of Denver. Kick off for the 2024 budget process will begin in April. In the end of May beginning of June we will have our high level recommendation figured out. In September these will be presented to the City Council for Approval.

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): Chris explored linkages between Museums and the Pawnee Scenic and Historic Byway. Chris attended Saving Places. Chris, Holly, and Katie Ross manned a booth in the new Freezy Daze event on February 25th. Looking forward to future events and was able to reach out to attendees at this event. The Greeley History Museum exhibit's team and Aims Community College collaborated for the Aims' "Tell Me Who You Are" All Campus Read. Adriana and Esthela presented "Bittersweet Harvest: Carrying the Family Legacy" on 2/2/23, which involved the history of the Bracero Program and personal family stories. Adriana and Holly finished installing the "Viewfinder: Cameras through Time" exhibit in the West Gallery on 2/23. The exhibit opened on 2/24. Museums switched from Bi-weekly all staff meetings to a monthly all staff meeting and a monthly manager meeting. Geoff worked with management team to outline goals and format for new Museum Management Team meetings and served as notetaker/timekeeper for first iteration of meeting. Geoff worked with interpretive and facilities staff to identify and plan needed maintenance work on Steven Reynolds House prior to photography of the second floor for digital project. JoAnna attended a virtual workshop titled "The Cost of Voicing the Past: The Trauma of Historical Interpretation"

hosted by The American Association for State and Local History, the four-hour workshop was mixed between presentation, information, and Q&A. Katie Ross completed a review of different collection management system options with staff hoping that our preferred choice will be an option for our IT Department. Led a behind the scenes tour of collections for the Museum Advisory Board.

Friends of the Greeley Museums Report (Floris Mikkelson): Review website for Board Members. Discussing the budget for the 2023 Potato Day. New system for signing up members will kick in at the end of March. The New President of the Friends of the Greeley Museums is Nathaniel Johnson. Hoping to increase membership this year.

Public/Board Input - Committee Reports:

- Experiences Team (Mike/George) – Experience Team did not meet last week. Shaw House, ceiling was patched, drywall and ceiling repair to continue later this year after artifacts are moved out of the current location, replaced boards on the deck outside. Maintenance shop is getting new siding. New stair case at the carriage house. Partnering with the city to become ADA compliant through out Centennial Village including bathrooms and the Rail Road Depo. Baby Animal Days will be April 14th through 16th and April 19th through April 23rd. Potential partnership with CSU Extension with the revival of White Plumb Farm to get assistance in running it as Farm and having it give back to the community including District 6 and our Local Foodbank.
- Acquisitions Committee (Marcus/Staff) – Deaccession of Meeker Family Genealogy from 1993. As we have an updated Genealogy from 2001. Motion to Approve Motion to approve by Emma Pena-McCleave, seconded by Floris Mikkelson. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Questions for staff from MAB
 - Q. (Floris Mikkelson) Is Katie Henry taking over all the Volunteers?
 - A. (Geoff Havens) I am handling the recruitment, onboarding, and training. Katie is handling Volunteer scheduling.
 - Q. (Mike Weiland) Is Volunteer Training coming up?
 - A. (Geoff Havens) Volunteer Training is April 1st 10am to 4pm at Hall House. Training will focus on interpretation rather than just education.
 - Q. (Floris Mikkelson) Any updates on Meeker Home?
 - A. (Geoff Havens) Katie Henry will have updates at our next Museum Board Meeting.
 - Q. (Emma Pena-McCleave) Are we going for any of the American Rescue Plan Funds?
 - A. (Chris Bowles) Yes, we are going to apply for funds for the Grounds Keeping at Meeker Home, Collection Storage, Railroad Depo; possible conversion to a Visitor Center, Retail store and potential office space.

- Questions to MAB from staff
 - (Chris Bowles) Will ask questions at our next meeting to reserve time.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20th, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Greeley History Museum

Adjourn: Mike adjourned the meeting at 5:18 PM

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