

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting
April 20th, 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

Member's Absent-

Approval of March 16, 2023, Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Motion to approve by Floris Mikkelson seconded by Mike Weiland. Motion passed unanimously.

Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department Report (John Dargle): No official updates at this time.

Culture Division Report (Andrea Haring): Still in the process of hiring the Cultural Affairs Manager reaching out to an outside candidate search group to find a potential candidate. Farmers Market is returning outdoors at the Union Pacific Depot on May 6th, 2023. Public Art is in the process of commissioning a utility box wrap by a local artist with a Rattle Snake Kate theme. The White Plumb Farm statue has officially been deaccessioned from Public Art and the removal process will begin soon.

Museums Report (Chris Bowles): Chris, Adriana and Katie went to tour the Sand Creek exhibit at the History of Colorado with other front range museums, was able to do a question-and-answer session with the curator of the exhibit of how to get tribal council involved with an extensive exhibit. Geoff, Katie R., Katie H., Holly, and Adriana went to UNC to discuss potential careers in Museums for post-secondary education students. Centennial Village is planning on opening the second floor of the Stevens-Reynolds house and plans to be ADA compliant by offering a virtual tour of the second floor and began staging spaces. Asbestos abatement is occurring at the Shaw House and moving out collection's items to continue repairs and hopefully find new permanent storage. The machine shop has been painted. Concrete work continues at Centennial Village replacing pave stones with stamped concrete. The last Museum at Twilight was a success with all hands-on deck. The next Museum at Twilight Event will be held at the Hensel Phelps Theatre June 10th at UCCC with a question-and-answer forum about Dearfield. We have been working on a five-year staffing plan and hope to have more information at our next meeting. A city-wide compensation and class plan took place which museums decided to appeal those decisions for both Barry Alvarado and Ann Abbath which led to title changes and increase in pay. We have hired new staff and will get a staff chart to the board soon. Tracking zip codes has continued to see where people are coming to our museums from.

Friends of the Greeley Museums Report (Floris Mikkelson): Still working on the website for memberships. Discussing the budget for the 2023 Potato Day.

Public/Board Input - Committee Reports:

- Experiences Team (Mike/George) – Discussing the beach shanty and the collections items in there. Several labels have popped off and are not stored in the best condition due to weather changes so the more sensitive items will be removed from that location. Most of the items will end up being deaccessioned which will open access to that space. The Bracero exhibit closes May 13th. Meeting with the composer for the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra and opening an exhibit at UCCC after the performance. Baby Animal Days is happening now with great attendance and increased retail sales at our Selma Store. Then we will move into our Field Trip time of year with Spring History Fest.
- Acquisitions Committee (Marcus/Staff) – Donation of a Ledger from Weld County Courts, very first item was from 1869. Deaccession of Telephone Book, Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company. Motion to Approve Motion to approve by Floris Mikkelson, seconded by Mike Weiland. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18th, 2023, 4:00 p.m., White Plumb Farm

Adjourn: Mike adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM

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Prepared by:

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Chris Bowles
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