

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting  
July 20th, 2023, 4:00pm  
Greeley History Museum**

Meeting digitally recorded; transcribed by Chris Bowles

**Call to Order:** 4:00 PM

**Roll Call:**

Members Present- Gary Alexander, Marcus Embry, George Junne, Floris Mikkelson, Emma Pena-McCleave, David Melendez, Nancy Masimer, Mike Weiland (Chair)

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

**June 15, 2023, Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes** Motion to approve by Floris Mikkelson seconded by Marcus Embry. The motion passed unanimously.

**Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department Report (John Dargle):**

*Chris Bowles reported:* new Deputy Director, Diana Frick. Business Manager recruitment is underway. 2024 Budget process is still underway at the higher levels of management. Museums budget increase requests were mainly tied to returning staff to pre-pandemic levels.

*John Dargle (arrived 4:10 pm) reported:* Cultural Affairs Manager candidates will be reported to John on August 8. John is hopeful that Museums and Administrative staff lost during COVID will go forward, despite not making the initial cut, to the City Manager for discussion.

**Culture Division Report (Andrea Haring):** Chris Bowles Reported: Recruitment for a UCCC manager is underway. Andrea to be tied up with Arts Picnic at the end of July. Cultural Affairs Manager recruitment is underway by executive search firm. Museums will have a booth at Arts Picnic.

**Museums Report (Chris Bowles):** Museum at Twilight on Dearfield event had 73 people at Henel Phelps Theater. There was good coverage of the event. Greeley Weld Habitat for Humanity Curator's Corner is up in the Mezzanine. Katie Ross oversaw the Shaw House collections removal ahead of remediation work. There was an active shooter training event at Centennial Village. Staff met with History Colorado about possibly joining the Hands on History Program. Centennial Village staff did a great job working the Stampede. We had 1,050 visitors during the event. Staff also assisted in the Naturalization Ceremony. The White Plumb Farm statue was removed. Chris Bowles captured 3D images before it came down. Very good spread of visitation from around the country.

**Friends of the Greeley Museums Report (Floris Mikkelson):** There is some trouble getting the website up and running. Discussions are ongoing. Potato Day will be \$10 admission this year. Volunteers will be needed. There will be Buffalo Soldiers and a Civil War encampment at the event.

**Public/Board Input - Committee Reports:**

- Experiences Team (Mike/George) – A Volunteer Appreciation event will take place at lunch at the Rec Center on November 4. There was discussion on broad discussion topics for coming years. These included: schooling, yearbooks, parks, food and foodways, transportation, road-trips, Germans from Russia, sugar beets, GW. There was also some discussion on contingency planning, and slowing down exhibits if more human resource is not forthcoming. Another topic is the America 250<sup>th</sup>, Colorado 150<sup>th</sup> and Centennial Village 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. Weld Habitat exhibit has a prize draw associated with it. Habitat for Humanity will rent the Museum on August 23<sup>rd</sup> for a private reception. Dolores Huerta exhibit is in the planning stage, as well as the exhibit with the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra. The Stevens Reynolds virtual tour at CV script is ready, and staff will start creating a virtual tour in August. Refashioned was deinstalled early to allow wall between Main and East gallery removal in August. (Chris Bowles) The wall is being removed for fire safety reasons.
  - Collections Report: The Shaw House move of objects is scheduled in August.
  - Registrar Report: We are collaborating with Boulder Museum to provide a number of objects from Dearfield for their upcoming 2 year exhibit on Black communities in Colorado.
  - Historic Sites Report: There have been a few tests of emergency protocols because of weather. We have had a successful Lone Valley School, and a number of rentals and events taking place in August and September. Centennial Village will be taking part in the Weld County Fair. Barry and Brenden needed to dig a hole to repair irrigation. They have also painted the Steven Reynolds house, and working with public works on Railway Depot bathrooms and an ADA compliant ramp. They will also re-chink the courthouse in July, and repatch some adobe. Staff will take place at Arts Picnic.
- Acquisitions Committee (Marcus/Staff) – (Marcus Embry) We acquired a fun 1970s cookbook “Kissin’ Don’t Last, Cookin’ Do”. (David Melendez) Staff visited Carol Walker to collect an oral history, and in her possession she had a safe from O.T. Jackson which has now been accepted into the collection.
  - Board Vote for Deaccessions in Report submitted with board packet: deaccessioning the Grauberger Shanty from Collections Level 1 to Level 3 to allow for repairs and maintenance.
  - Floris Mikkelsen moved to deaccession the Grauberger Shanty from Collections Level 1 to Level 3. Mike Weiland seconded. Approved Unanimously.

**New Business:**

- Approval of High Plains Chautauqua (HPC) Fee Waiver: (Geoff Havens) Staff met with HPC staff in late June to discuss a partnership, with Centennial Village hosting their annual family event on August 2. HPC would like this event to be free to be consistent with their other events. The Board is requested to approve the fee waiver. Marcus Embry moved to approve the HPC fee waiver. Floris Mikkelsen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Questions to Staff from MAB:**

- Q: (Floris Mikkelson) Where is the signage on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue for Greeley History Museum?
  - A: (Chris Bowles) A red and white sign is now up on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We want more signage going forward. Chris worked with Roads to get the sign produced.
- Q: (Mike Weiland) What date is the next Museum at Twilight, and what help can the Board provide?
  - A: (Holly Berg) Next Twilight is September 6<sup>th</sup>. Details are still coming together. It will be an opening for the Dolores Huerta exhibit. We are hoping to have local connections during the event.
- Emma Pena-McCleave: Wanted to give kudos to Katie Ross and Adriana Trujillo for helping the Mexican American History Project – Greeley in their tour with people from Fort Collins. Visited Greeley History Museum, the Spanish Colony House, La Frente de Lucha, the Rodarte Center mural and drove through the Spanish Colony.

**Questions to MAB from Staff:**

- Q: (Chris Bowles) Agricultural Heritage Center Feasibility Study is starting July 21<sup>st</sup>. What level would the Board like to be involved? Reports will be made to the Board at intervals.
  - Q:(to Chris Bowles from John Dargle) Can the consultants present to the Board and seek feedback?
  - A: (Chris Bowles): Yes
  - A: (Mike Weiland): The Board would like to be involved initially in helping design a brochure and raising money.
  - Response: Chris to invite consultants to the next meeting. [Note: (Chris Bowles) The consultants were not invited to August meeting, but will be invited to September to present site selection results].

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 2023, 4:00 p.m., Greeley History Museum

**Adjourn:** Mike adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM

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