

Minutes

Museum Advisory Board

December 21, 2023 @4:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike Weiland at 4:05 pm

Board Present: Gary Alexander, George Junne, Floris Mikkelsen, Emma Pena-McCleave, Nancy Masimer, Mike Weiland.

Board Absent: Marcus Embry

Staff Present: Holly Berg, Chris Bowles, Geoff Havens, Megan Weiler, Leslie Evans, Brecklyn Everhart

2. Approval of November minutes:

Motion to approve November 2023 minutes made by Emma Pena-McCleave and seconded by George Junne, Motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports:

CPRD Report: presented by Megan Weiler (on behalf of Diana Frick, Interim CPRD Director)

- Department Changes
- Strategic Planning has started to begin, Barry Dunn has been hired, they are beginning to consult the CPRD master plan. This will take about 18 months; the board is welcome to come and be a part of that process.

Museum Report: presented by Chris Bowles

- November highlights:
 - Staff decorated lots of trees, including a baseball-themed tree teasing the upcoming jPleibol! Exhibition, which was featured in the Festival of Trees event. Staff also decorated GHM and CV for the Homesteader's Holiday event.
- Katie Ross pitched to the Colorado Wyoming Association of Museums board the idea to host the 2025 Annual Conference in Greeley.
- The Museums are working to create another T-shirt to sell in the gift shop. New t-shirt should be released sometime next month and will feature the importance of the potato in Greeley's history.
- Geoff and Chris have spoken to the Wellness Coordinator at the city of Greeley to create incentives for City employees to volunteer for the museums.
- There was a temporary fence put up at Meeker home to protect the historical structures from damage.
- November admissions were good.

Staff Reports: presented by Holly Berg.

- The exhibit titled Seven Symphonic Portraits: A Weld County Reflection, guest curated by Dylan Fixmer of the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra, opened at the Greeley History Museum on November 16th.
- The traveling Smithsonian Exhibition *Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the fields/revelación en los campos* closed on 12/2/23. Greeley was the last stop on its national tour.
- In preparation for the next exhibit, East Gallery will be sectioned off to feature some of the supplemental content from Dolores Huerta and the next exhibit, ¡Pleibol!.
- 2 new part time staff will be hired soon- the Senior Museum Aide- Exhibits Assistant and Senior Museum Aide- Registrar Assistant. The employees will be announced next meeting.

Staff Reports: Collections- presented by Chris Bowles (on behalf of Katie Ross)

- All handwritten object records have been entered into the database. This was a long term, ongoing project and will make data migration onto the new database much cleaner.

Staff Reports: Historic Sites- presented by Geoff Havens

- Nearly all the chimneys at CV failed their inspections, over \$21,000 of chimney work will need to be done to get the chimneys up to code. Should be done by the end of the year.

Staff Reports: Education/Interpretation- presented by Geoff Havens

- Educational programming has been updated.
- There were 299 visitors for homesteader's holiday.

4. Approvals as needed:

Motion to vote on whether to move forward with the plans that resulted from the Agricultural Heritage Building Feasibility study made by Emma Pena-McCleave and seconded by Floris Mikkelsen.

The board voted unanimous to not move forward with the plans that resulted from the Agricultural Heritage Building Feasibility study.

5. Friends of the Greeley Museums Report: presented by Gary Alexander

- The auction at Homesteader's Holiday event made \$250
- Potato day event needs volunteers

6. Board Reports:

Experiences Team: presented by George Junne

- Proposed an idea to the board to host Museum at twilight with the theme "Evening with native African culture".

7. New Business:

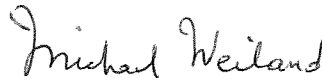
- There is going to be a council meeting where the results of the Agricultural Heritage Building Feasibility Study will be presented.
- There will also be a Plan B discussed for the Agricultural Heritage Building plans.
- Chris Bowles posed the question to the board about whether they would like to bring back the sub-committee focused specifically on Community Outreach. No decision was made, but the matter will be discussed in a further meeting.

Next meeting will be January 18, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Greeley History Museum.

Meeting Adjourned 5:12 p.m.

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Witnessed by:

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Approved by:

