

Minutes

Museum Advisory Board

January 18, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike Weiland at 4:00 p.m.

Board Present: Gary Alexander, Marcus Embry, Emma Pena-McCleave, Mike Weiland.

Board Absent: George Junne, Florris Mikkelsen, Nancy Masimer.

Staff Present: Katie Ross, JoAnna Stull, Annie Talmadge, Holly Berg, Geoff Havens, Chris Bowles, Brecklyn Everhart.

2. Approval of December minutes:

Motion to approve December 2023 minutes made by Emma Pena-McCleave and seconded by Marcus Embry, motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports:

CPRD Report: Presented by Chris Bowles (on behalf of Diana Frick, Interim CPRD Director.)

- Strategic Planning has started, there was a meeting with Berry Dunn where the culture team got to ask how they would be represented.
- The managers will get to be a part of the strategic plan.

Museum Reports: Presented by Chris Bowles

- Closed *Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields/Revolucion en los Campos* closed to the public.
- SITES is still deciding on whether they want to donate the steel frames from the *Dolores Huerta* exhibit.
- Katie R. and work study students compiled all SOPs for a data cleanup procedure.
- Katie H. started planning a teacher professional development class day that will take place in July 2024. She also has been in contact with District 6 to advertise the museum events.
- Centennial Village is now an official Greeley Historic landmark.
- There were 2 new staff members hired.
- Staff met and discussed the 2024 plan.
- Chris has continued crafting the Museum Ordinance with the City Attorney's office.

Additional Staff Reports:

Exhibits-Presented by Holly Berg:

- Staff Member starting soon
- Pleibol exhibit is underway, there was a sub committee of community experts, advising the exhibit.

Collections-Presented by Katie Ross:

- All the hard copy catalogue records have been entered into Past Perfect. This has been an ongoing project since 2011.
- Staff created a google sheet where volunteers can enter their hours, and it can be uploaded into the database. This solved the issue of staff entering the volunteer hours by hand.

Historic Sites-Geoff Havens:

- Homesteaders Holiday, biggest December event. There were volunteers in each building.
- There are multiple schools through the museum to you program that are booked starting in February.
- There has been \$15,000 of chimney work that has been completed. There will be about \$6,000 of Chimney work that needs to be completed.
- Recently completed project in Shaw House, to repair the ceiling that was caving in.
- The next project will be to pull up the asbestos flooring tile in Shaw house.

4. Friends of the Greeley Museums Report-Presented by Gary Alexander:

- In the process of looking for a new coordinator for potato day.
- In the process of getting a work study from Aims to help with events.
- Trying to implement a better procedure for getting funding.
- Written a procedure for volunteers, and if they work 50 hours, they receive a free friend's membership.
- Mike asked when the cut off to find a coordinator would be before potato day would be cancelled.

-Looking to fill the position in February, or potato day might be cancelled.

5. Board Reports:

Experiences Team- Presented by Holly Berg:

- Current discussion on whether they want to host an event that has Dolores Huerta as the speaker. There was a grant that the museum applied for 10,000 to have the speaker come. If the speaker agrees and the funding comes into place, then we are looking to host that in March.
- Potential topics to create virtual experiences around, there was a prioritized list created that can build up the story system at centennial village.

Acquisitions Committee-Presented by Marcus:

- There was an offer for the wood paneling that was from a Governor's house on 8th ave. The wood paneling was declined, and there was a discussion on where to offer it.
- William Pen cigar box that was given to the committee.
- Evidence of Greeley's participation in the Montecristo rubber plantation was found and adopted into the collection.

6. New Business:

- New Museum Ordinance was shown to the board. The board discussed and decided there needed to be revisions. The revised ordinance will be presented at the next board meeting.
- The board decided to wait on bringing back the community outreach meeting.

Next meeting will be February 15, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m at the Greeley History Museum.

Meeting Adjourned 5:10 p.m.

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Museum Manager

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