

Museum Advisory Board

December 19th, 2024, minutes

Greeley History Museum

1. Roll call and determination of quorum:

The meeting was called to order by Michael Weiland at 4:02 p.m.

Board present: Gary Alexander, Marcus Embry, Emma Pena-McCleave, Nancy Masimer, Scott Chartier, Omar Munoz, Michael Weiland (Chair).

Board Absent: George Junne, Floris Mikkelsen.

Staff Present: Chris Bowles, Katie Ross, Holly Berg, Megan Weiler, Brecklyn Everhart.

2. Approval of the October 17, 2024, minutes:

Motion to approve the October minutes made by Marcus Embry and seconded by Emma Pena-McCleave.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports:

CPRD Report:

- With the end of year things are winding down. In the beginning of the year, we will jump into the 2026 budget planning. This will be a department wide initiative.

Culture Report:

- A retreat happened in October, our next steps for the strategic plan are to create a mission and vision.

Museums Report:

- Staff hired a new Curator of Education, Kristjana Eylofsson . She will join the team at the end of January.
- The floor in the east gallery was refurbished to show the original flooring of the old tribune floors. They will interpret the floors so that the public gets a sense of what the building use to be like.
- The centennial village ramp is underway making us one step closer to having the train depot as the visitor center.
- Chris worked on an Organizational Assessment including 15 years of data and drafting a new Museums Business Plan which will be fed into a wider divisional business plan.
- Chris worked with the organizers of the Downtown Colorado Inc conference In the Game (coming to Greeley in April) on adding museum related content. This will be followed by the Colorado Wyoming Association of Museums (CWAM) conference in Greeley a week later.
- Finally, Chris was voted in as Chair of the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission for a 2-year term beginning next year.

- Britannia led the first Exhibit Creation Team meeting for Missile Site exhibit coming March 2025.
- Britannia and Holly determined the themes/sections for Missile Site exhibit.
- Katie Researched and purchased a collapsable photo shoot background for taking images of larger artifacts. Chris researched and procured a 3D photogrammetric camera. Both will be used to enhance the records of objects in the collection and provide high quality 2D and 3D images for online exhibits of the future.
- In an effort to meet the end of December deadline to have all (1,250) early accession and catalogue record issues resolved, Assistant Registrar Annie Talmadge and returning UNC work study student Josie Brown were added to the team of volunteer Patti Harrold and Registrar JoAnna Luth Stull. To date, there are (147) remaining records to repair or create and the Registrar Team is confident in meeting the goal.
- Gus and former Assistant Curator of Education, Katie Henry, presented at the Women's History Symposium at History Colorado. Gus gave a 20-minute presentation about Rattlesnake Kate as she relates to women's agency and the media representation of her story. This was well received. Gus is continuing to do research on Rattlesnake Kate to consolidate the institutional knowledge into one source for ease of internal access and consistency of storytelling. There continue to be discrepancies in the story of Kate's life.

4. Friends of the Greeley Museums Report:

- There are new interim officers that have been elected.
- There is a one-day retreat in January where they are going to help get an organized plan.

5. Task Force Reports:

- Experience Team
 - Discussed the case in the gallery to address and improve the case. It should be addressed in the beginning phases in February.
 - Yearly planning, and staff is no longer going to participate in the traveling exhibits.
- Aquisition Task Force
 - There was a savings bond found in the time capsule; the Museum decided to give it to the Northern Colorado Disabled American Veterans, which is where it was originally from. There is going to be a tribune article about it as well.

Motion to approve items for deaccession made by Marcus Embry and seconded by Scott Chartier.

Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be held January 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Greeley History Museum.

Meeting adjourned 4:58 p.m.

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Chris Bowles

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Michael Weiland

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