

Minutes

Museum Advisory Board

October 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Marcus Embry at 4:00 p.m.

Board Present: Marcus Embry, George Junne, Emma Pena-McCleave, Nancy Masimer, Donna Hendren, Annareli Morales.

Board Absent: Omar Munoz, Scott Chartier, Anne Masterson

Staff Present: Chris Bowles, Geoff Havens, Holly Berg, Katie Ross, Kristjana Eyjolfsson, JoAnna Stull, Megan Weiler, Gus Rudnick, Greta Steinmetz.

2. Approval of the August 2025 Museum Advisory Board minutes.
Motion to approve the August 2025 minutes made by Emma Pena-McCleave and seconded by Donna Hendren.

3. Reports:

- CPRD Report: The final 2026 budget has gone to council.
- Museums Report
 - Busy Fall season, the Fiesta on the plaza was very well attended. There were over 550 people in attendance. New stations were held, which included tortilla making.
 - In the packet there is a visitor service totals that compares the visitor totals last year. There have been talks about increasing field trip potential for next year on top of history fest. There is a decrease in visitors from 2023, to 2024, to this year. There is a lack of people wanting to visit all museums.
 - Exhibits: The Mexican American History Project of Greeley companion exhibit has started to be built. This exhibit is designed to travel to schools and other venues.
 - Collections: Final things in Axiell have been the priority. Katie attended a regional museum conference in Omaha.
 - Historic Sites: The White-Plumb farm water leak damaged the drywall and laminate, and Chris and Geoff are still working with insurance to get that covered. Then in August there was a windstorm that took out the fence at centennial village. Geoff has been working with Brett to get it replaced.

- Education/Interpretation: There was no fall History Fest, but they did a lot of Field Trips, and there were a lot of comments from the teachers that they enjoyed the field trips, and not the overall chaos of history fest. There has been a lot of outreach out at UNC for volunteers and work studies.

4. Friends of the Greeley Museums Report

- There was no Friends meeting this month. The Friends are on hiatus currently. They are talking about next steps and goals for the future. There was discussion on the past role of the friends, and how to make the friends more beneficial for the Museum system.

5. Task Force Reports

- Experience Team: There was no meeting in September, there will be a combined October/November meeting October 30th.
- Acquisitions Task Force: There was discussion about the idea of actively purchasing yearbooks. The city has an agreement with District 6 to see if they would donate some yearbooks.

6. Old Business:

- Culture Commission discussion:
Motion to create a special meeting to discuss this topic, due to time constraints in the normal meeting time made by Emma Pena-McCleave and seconded by Annareli Morales. November 13th at 4:00 p.m. would be the special meeting date.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business:

- Vote to approve 2 deaccession recommendations.
 - The July deaccessions included washing machine tubs that are recommended because there are duplicates or in poor condition compared to what is in the collection. It is recommended to deaccession these items.

Motion to approve the July deaccessions made by Nancy Masimer and seconded by Annareli Morales.

Motion passed unanimously.

- The August deaccessions included more laundry items, clothing irons, and racks.

Motion to approve the August deaccessions made by Nancy Masimer and seconded by Emma Pena-McCleave.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Sister City Program Update: The Moriya sister city committee is interested in reconfiguring the sister city program. The committee is excited to announce the launch of the program in 2026, where 12 students and 2 chaperones will come to Greeley. The committee is looking for host families and creating an itinerary for the students to show them Greeley. December 1st is the deadline to apply to be a host family.
- Museum Interpretive Masterplan: Quatrefoil is creating a museum masterplan to help staff interpret the past and the next steps to create engaging, creative, and fun museum programs. Quatrefoil has worked with many Colorado museums.
- Meeker Home Projection art: The event went very well. Museums is working with Public Art to fund the projection of visual art on Meeker House. Gii Astorga created art that was projected.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next meeting to be held November 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Greeley History Museum.

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