

## Minutes

### Museum Advisory Board

January 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Marcus Embry at 4:02 p.m.

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

Board Absent: Scott Chartier, Anne Masterson.

Staff Present: Megan Weiler, Chris Bowles, Holly Berg, Geoff Havens, Joanna Stull, Gus Rudnick, Kristjana Eyjolfsson.

2. Agenda Amendment:

Motion was made by Annareli Morales to add status of absent board members, vote on combined commission, and letter from museum advisory board to city council on the agenda. Motion was seconded by Donna Hendren.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the November 2025 minutes.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Reports:

- CPRD Report:

- The culture commission presentation is scheduled to be presented to council January 27<sup>th</sup>. This presentation is to receive a yes or no from council on the concept only.
  - Megan stated that the presentation she made to each board was a courtesy presentation of the idea.
- There was a question about the Museum budget. The City Council is going to go on a budget retreat and look for where we can cut depending on the 20-million-dollar deficit. This retreat will look at the high-level budget and where things could be tweaked. What percentage of the city's budget is 20 million? It was estimated that it is 3%. Marcus had asked when does the advisory board get a say or get to see the presented budget? Megan would need to gather more information to see what the budget process looks like in those terms. Megan also reminded the board that they can view the budget when it is made public.

- Museum Report:
  - Page 4 of the Museum report: Homesteader Holiday was a success. The 13-minute warning exhibit closed to the public December 11. Axiell is finalized and available for staff testing.
    - Exhibits:
      - The 13-minute warning exhibit was photographed to then be turned into a virtual exhibit.
      - The installation of the incoming traveling exhibit “The Great Frontier Odyssey: Sketching the American West” Was installed and then opened to the public 12/18.
    - Collections:
      - Katie is off until the middle to the end of February.
      - Miranda had finished cataloguing items from the AB Copeland box. AB Copeland was the museums first curator.
      - Laura Cutler finished her work with Axiell and the online portal. She does not work for the museum anymore, but she has joined the Friends of the Museum.
    - Education and Interpretation:
      - There were some presentations for 4<sup>th</sup> graders that the team went and did. The next group will be 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
      - Gus is working with HR to create a History of Greeley presentation for new city employees.
      - Geoff and Kristjana have 4 interns from UNC.
    - Historic Sites:
      - Island Grove Facilities staff helped get Centennial Village decorated for Christmas.
      - Staff is working to prepare for the 2026 season
      - White Plumb farm is getting repaired; the contract work has started.
      - The depot will be repainted this year and then we are working with public works to help with getting the pavement ADA accessible.
- 5. Friends of the Greeley Museums Report:
  - There are currently 4 friends' members, and there was a vote to effectively stay on the friends to maintain. They are looking for guidance on how to run a non-profit-501c3. There would have to be a change of bylaws to become a charitable trust. The hope is to have a board of directors.

6. Task Force Reports:

- Experience Team:

The experience team has altered the structure of the meeting. There is reformatting and created a purpose statement. Produce a comprehensive plan of Museums exhibits, events, projects for the aim of creating consistent high-quality experience for visitors and sustainability for staff. This team is creating plans of works. Annareli Morales has volunteered to be a part of the experience team.

- Acquisitions Task Force:

Got a new printing press and type face that will be put into centennial village. Donation from the Klank family a stampede jacket. Men's clothing from the Gilbert Family. Coca Cola bottle that was made from the Greeley Coca Cola bottle and it says it was made in Greeley factory. There will now be every other month meeting format for 2 hours. Donna Hendren volunteered to be on the Acquisitions task force.

7. Old Business:

- Status of absent board members: Omar Munoz resigned from the board. Finn Foster have been working to get in touch with Anne Masterson and Scott Chartier. The next steps are to get in touch and wait for a resignation or work with city clerks to get a formal administrative hearing.
- Vote on Combined Commission: There is not really a proposal being presented to council. Staff is asking for a confirmed yes or no from city council. There was no vote held.
- Letter to City council from Museum advisory board. This item was skipped.

8. New Business:

- Annual Museum report:
  - Not having a Fall History Fest caused 2,000 less visitors from last year. There were also less people coming to special events.
  - The Rattlesnake Kate concert brought 200 people into the village.
  - Homesteader Holiday canned food drive brought in free admission. This decreased revenue by 1,000 but we were able to give \$2,000 worth of food to the weld county food bank.
  - There was an increase in revenue from last year.
  - Virtual exhibit in 2025 got 4,429 views.

Meeting adjourned 5:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be held February 19, 2026, at the Greeley History Museum.

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Museum Manager

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*Marcus Embury*  
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Chair, Museum Advisory Board