

Museum Advisory Board

August 20, 2026

4:00 p.m. at the Greeley History Museum

This meeting is held in person at the physical location

You can provide public input/public comment for this meeting by emailing your comments to Megan Weiler megan.weiler@greeleygov.com or call 970-350-9406.

Comments received up to an hour before the meeting will be read into the record at the appropriate time.

Agenda:

Roll Call: Marcus Embry (Chair), George Junne, Emma Pena-McCleave, Nancy Masimer, Shan Craven, Anne Masterson, Donna Hendren, Annareli Morales.

1. Approval of the August 2026 Agenda.
2. Approval of the July 2026 Museum Advisory Board minutes.
3. Citizen Comment
4. Reports: (10 minutes)
 - CPRD Report
 - Museums Report
 - Additional Staff Report
 - o Exhibits
 - o Collections
 - o Historic Sites
 - o Education/Interpretation
5. Friends of the Greeley Museums Report
6. Task Force Reports (10 minutes):
 - Experience Team
 - Acquisitions Task Force
7. Old Business (10 minutes):
8. New Business (10 minutes):
 - Vote for Deaccession
 - Triennial Review Report
 - Interpretive Masterplan discussion
 - CPRD Requested item discussion
 - Letter from History Colorado
 - Friends Membership
 - Ex-Officio Board seat
 - Vote for Vice Chair
9. Adjournment

Next meeting September 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Greeley History Museum

Minutes

Museum Advisory Board

July 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Board Present: Marcus Embry, Nancy Masimer, Donna Hendren, Annareli Morales, Anne Masterson, Emma Pena-McCleave, Shan Craven

Board Absent: George Junne

Staff Present: Kristjana Eyjolfsson, Katie Ross, Holly Berg, Chris Bowles, Brecklyn Everhart, Alex Snyder, Betsy Kellums.

Friends of the Museum Members Present: Patti Harold

Citizens Present: Geoff Havens

2. Approval of the Agenda

Amendment proposed to move July resolution from new business to old business.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Emma Pena-McCleave and seconded by Anne Masterson.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the June 2026 minutes.

- It was recommended to update the date of the advisory board minutes to the correct date the meeting was held. Then to correct the attendance section to reflect accurate information.

Motion to approve the June 2026 minutes with the proposed changes made by Donna hendren and seconded by Annareli Morales.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Citizens Communication:

Members of the Museum Advisory Board,

My name is Geoffrey Havens. I'm a former Historic Sites Supervisor for the City of Greeley Museums, speaking tonight as a resident and former staff member.

Last month, this Board considered a resolution about future museum funding. Staff asked the Board to wait until after the July 7 City Council presentation so everyone could see the fuller picture. The Board waited. The presentation happened. Council raised serious questions. And the public still has not seen the operating model behind the proposed museum reductions.

That is the issue tonight.

I know this Board has previously been told that budget review is not its role. Fair enough. The Board does not approve the city budget. But these reductions would affect staffing, public access, education, collections care, historic-site stewardship, volunteer coordination, and possibly the governance of the museum system.

Those are museum matters. They fall squarely within this Board's advisory role.

The public has heard the reduction numbers. What we have not seen is what those reductions mean operationally.

Council heard that educational programs would be maintained while hours, exhibits, city-led programs, and cultural events would be reduced. But nobody has shown the staffing model explaining how the City will continue meeting its museum obligations and essential operational requirements with those cuts in place.

The last museum budget model I saw before leaving City employment would have left only five of sixteen museum staff members in place—roughly a 70 percent reduction by headcount. A reduction number is not an operating plan.

So, I am asking this Board to formally state that it has not been given the information necessary to fulfill its advisory role.

I am also asking the Board to request a current-and-proposed staffing and operating analysis, including legal, stewardship, transfer, and budget impacts. That information should be presented at an agreed-upon regular or special meeting, on a date certain, far enough before the Sept. 11 budget retreat for the Board's review to matter.

The Board needs time to review the information publicly, ask questions, deliberate, and advise Council before Council gives further direction. The analysis does not need names or private personnel details. It needs to show staffing by function and identify which museum obligations remain staffed, which are reduced or paused, which disappear, and which become dependent on volunteers.

It should also address any external-operator, partnership, transfer, or City-role-elimination option. I am not opposed to studying a nonprofit or public-private partnership. But an undefined partnership is not a 2027 operating plan.

If responsibility is transferred, the City needs to show what transfers, what remains with the City, who has authority, who monitors compliance, and the real budget impact after remaining obligations are accounted for.

Any analysis should be reviewed by the museum professionals responsible for these services. Council should be told whether they believe it accurately reflects the staffing available and the City's ability to meet its museum obligations and essential operational requirements with the proposed cuts in place. A staffing analysis is only useful if it is allowed to tell the truth. I am asking the Board to do three things.

First, state that it does not currently have the information necessary to fulfill its advisory role.

Second, ask staff to provide that information by a date certain, at a regular or special meeting, early enough for the Board to advise Council before Sept. 11.

Third, if staff will not make that commitment, notify Council that the Board cannot meaningfully advise under the current conditions.

That is not obstruction. That is the Board trying to do the job it was appointed to do. The question remains simple: if the city says these services continue, who actually does the work?

5. Reports:

- CPRD Report: The report noted that the department's plan was presented to the council on July 7, resulting in significant citizen comment but no decisions from the council, with the matter deferred until September.
 - Discussion followed regarding the CPRD organizational chart and a desire to understand staffing levels and growth within the department's management structure over the last four years, particularly in comparison to cuts being made at lower levels. A board member expressed interest in obtaining this information to assess potential administrative "bloating."
- Museums Report: June was the first full month of free admission at Centennial Village, leading to visitors using the site for recreation, like picnicking. In June, the museums saw approximately 466 visitors, split between Centennial Village and the Greeley History Museum. Approximately \$1,000 was generated in sales, mostly from museum shops. The staff has experienced uncertainty and "big feelings" but appreciates the strong community support shown at recent city council meetings. Upcoming Events include the August 1st Celebration, Fiesta on the Plaza, Halloween, and Homesteaders' Holiday (contingent on staffing). Upcoming History Hours are on July 23 and July 27, 2026.
- Exhibit Reports: The exhibit was reinstalled and reopened to the public on July 10, 2026. It is a vibrant exhibit that can remain in place for an extended period, providing stability amidst scheduling uncertainties.

The museum is working on a small display for the C250 project for August 1. Due to budget uncertainty and the cancellation of previously booked traveling exhibits, the future exhibit schedule is in flux. The team is now focusing on developing in-house agriculture and art-themed exhibits.

A new operational plan, developed by staff in response to the proposed budget, includes a seasonal closure of the Greeley History Museum. The museum would close from Memorial Day to Labor Day when Centennial Village is open. This is a measure to manage operations with a reduced staff (from 16 to 5) and ensure site safety. The board discussed the solidity of this plan and when it could be communicated to the public, concluding it depends on the final budget decisions from the City Council.
- Collections Report: Miranda has updated the front desk handbook for the research center, which had not been revised since before the COVID-19

pandemic. Miranda is assisting in creating finding aids for archival collections, ensuring they meet Colorado's web accessibility standards. She has completed the final checks and PDF conversions for three such documents in the past month. Procedures for making collections available for exhibits have been created and documented. Work has commenced on organizing the museum's institutional records, which are currently occupying a large portion of storage space. The first data discovery session was held last week with the Fiction Implementation Team for a new Digital Asset Management System. This system will integrate with the new database, allowing for near real-time online access for researchers. An ancillary benefit is that city staff with a city email will be able to download low-resolution versions of images for their own use, reducing formatting work for museum staff.

- **Education/Interpretation:**

Attendance at Stampede was strong initially but declined as temperatures increased. The village continues to see repeat visitors, including senior groups, groups with special needs, and daycares, with an increase in bookings after Stampede. Teachers are already scheduling fall field trips. Summer camp is currently underway at the GHM facility. The Centennial Village Birthday Party is scheduled for August 1, 2026. Invitations are being sent to city council members, county commissioners, and various local organizations, including chambers of commerce. The Friends of the Museum will have a booth, and the board may share this space. For the county fair, the village will have its back gate open, and it will serve as a wagon ride stop.

- **Historic Sites:** The railing replacement at Monfort house is in progress with the facilities team.

A meeting was held with facilities, the city architect, and Betsy to discuss the canopy over the Greeley History Museum front door. The proposal, which must go before the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), is to remove, restore, and reinstall the canopy to prevent further deterioration and address public safety concerns. Tuck-pointing is planned for the roof parapet and the back southwest wall to repair eroding mortar and secure decorative elements, preventing a potential safety hazard. All repair work is reported as cost-neutral to the museum's budget, with funds sourced from other budgets, such as Public Works. The maintenance crew successfully prepared White Plumb Farm for a family's Fourth of July picnic. The interior of the house is reported to look "amazing."

- The design review for the History Museum's awning and canopy will take place at the HPC meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM in the council chambers. The meeting is open to the public, but there is no public input portion. Public comments can be emailed to the staff representative to be read into the record during the staff report.

6. Friends of the Greeley Museum Report:

- "Fifty for Fifty" Membership Drive: A two-week membership drive will begin on August 1, 2026, in honor of the 50th birthday of Centennial Village. Membership fees will be 50% off. New membership levels for military and museum volunteers have been added. The drive will be promoted via social media and email. Board members were encouraged to follow the Friends' social media pages and engage with posts. Membership benefits include a 10% discount in the museum store and a 50% discount for research.
- City Budget: The city manager is exploring options to shift funds to support the museum's initiatives, which is why the city calendar has been pushed back. The city may consider carrying debt into 2028 to allow for more funding in 2027. A decision on the budget is now expected by the end of August 2026. It was noted that no involuntary layoffs ("riffing") would occur until the council finalizes the budget.
- Grant Funding: The organization has received \$14,000 of a grant and will continue to receive \$4,000 per month for the next several months. The grant provider is open to requests for additional funding.
- Donation: A \$200 donation was received on July 15, 2026, from a family in Oregon. The donation was made specifically in recognition of the excellent assistance they received from Miranda.

7. Task Force Reports:

- Experience Team: The team met online and discussed final details for the August 1, 2026, celebration and the capacity for outreach booths.
- Acquisitions Task Force: The museum is still under a moratorium on acquisitions. A meeting is scheduled for the week of July 20, 2026, and a report will be provided at the August meeting.

8. Old Business:

- July Resolution

- A new resolution was drafted to replace the one postponed from the July meeting.

Motion to eliminate the July board resolution made by Donna Hendren and seconded by Anne Masterson. Motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business:

- City Council Recap: The Chair recounted their three-minute address to the City Council, noting it was well-received and supported by many museum advocates. Board members stated that “The council members questioned the director, who appeared unprepared and could not provide answers.” It was noted that the mayor's wife was watching the meeting from home and expressed support for the museum advocates.
- The Board engaged in a discussion regarding Friends of the Museum membership, which was not included on the meeting agenda. A discussion was held regarding whether advisory board members could or should join the Friends of the Greeley Museums. It was noted that the ordinance provides for a designated seat on the advisory board for a Friends member. There is currently an open seat that could potentially be filled by a Friends member, though they would need to go through the official application and City Council appointment process.

Motion to table board members becoming friends of the Greeley museum and friends' seat on museum advisory board made by Emma Pena-McCleave and seconded by Donna Hendren.

Motion passed unanimously. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting. A member clarified the action as a postponement.

- Museum Advisory Board Resolution Regarding Future Funding: A new resolution, drafted by the Chair, was presented to the board. The resolution requests "relief from the CPRD's unwarranted and inexplicable animus towards the Greeley museums." A typo was identified ("rational" to be corrected to "rationale").

Motion to accept the Resolution made by Annareli Morales and seconded by Donna Hendren.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the alteration correcting the typo on the resolution made by Dona Hendren and seconded by Anne Masterson.

Motion passed unanimously

The board voted to accept the Resolution as a result the resolution was adopted. The board directed the secretary to deliver the resolution to city council.

- Interpretive Masterplan final draft revision: The final draft of the Interpretive Master Plan was distributed. Board members requested more time for review.

Motion to postpone discussion of the interpretive master plan to the August meeting made by Shan Craven and seconded by Anne Masterson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Additional Motions and Direction to staff: During New Business, the Board considered additional matters not specifically identified on the agenda. The Board made the following motions and provided the following direction to staff:

1. Motion to request staff to provide the stewardship framework and operating plan for the museums, given the current proposals by deadline of July 31, 2026 made by Annareli Morales and seconded by Donna Hendren.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to request staff to provide an organizational chart and information on the growth in the staffing of the administrative roles and the number of new hires during the city hiring process from 2021 to 2026 made by Annareli Morales and seconded by Emma Pena McCleave.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion to amend motion for organizational chart and information on the growth in the staffing of the administrative roles and the number of new hires during the city hiring process from 2021 to 2026 to add a deadline of July 31, 2026, made by Anne Masterson and seconded by Annareli Morales.

Motion passed unanimously.

- The Chair noted that if the requested information is not received by July 31, 2026, a special meeting may be called for August 6, 2026, to address the lack of information.
- The option of filing a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request was discussed as a method for obtaining the information.

Meeting adjourned 5:21 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on August 21, 2026, at the Greeley History Museum.

Administrative Note:

After the meeting, the Director of Culture parks and recreation provided the information requested by the Board on July 24, 2026, via email.

Museums Acquisitions Committee Deaccession Recommendations for Museums Advisory Board and Culture, Parks, and Recreation Director Consent Agenda Deaccession Considerations

Introduction

- City of Greeley Museums Collections Management Policy, Part I, Sections 1-5, Introduction; Mission, Scope, and Descriptions of Collections; Ethics; Acquisitions of Collections; Deaccessioning and Disposal of Artifacts, and Loans apply in all actions taken by the Museums Acquisitions Committee and Museums Advisory Board.
- Greeley Museums Acquisitions Committee (AC) presents their Recommendations for Deaccessions for Museum Advisory Board (MAB) consideration and to the Culture, Parks, and Recreation Director (or Designee) whose signature is needed for final approval.
- Acquisitions Committee Recommendations for Deaccession with Recommendations for Disposal options from the Museums Acquisitions Committee Minutes dated 04 August 2026, as Approved by Museums Manager Chris Bowles.
- The Culture, Parks, and Recreation Director or any MAB member may request to have an item pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion or to request further research before a final decision is reached.
- The Consent Agenda can be approved as written or amended before approval. The Consent Agenda, once approved, becomes a part of the Museum Advisory Board Minutes.
- Please contact the Museums Registrar and/or the Curator of Collections with any questions about any item included on this Consent Agenda.

Proposed Deaccession

Object ID Number: 2013.98.0001

Object(s) Description: Fonds Specifically the Downtown Greeley, Colorado Historic Buildings Surveys conducted by Front Range Research Associates (2001) for 7th St., 8th Ave., 8th St., 9th St., 10th Ave., 10th St. Series II Subseries A

Deaccession Justification by: Katie Ross

Duplicate or redundant: This specific subsection of fonds are copies of TC-1138, which are materials from Betsy Kellums, including copies of photographs and reports. Disposition of the deaccessioned items will be done after archival processing of TC-11-38 to ensure all records are present.

Donor/Statement of Legal Title: Community Development, Historic Preservation Transfer from the Community Development Department in 2014

Deaccession Recommendation by: Katie Ross

- Transfer to another non-profit institution or organization.
- Dispose of Properly per Museum Collections Management criteria.

2026-08-04 AC Recommendation to MAB: Approval of the deaccession and disposal of specified funds from Permanent Collection after archival processing and comparison of the above accepted donation from Betsy Kellums.

Affidavit of Title for Due Diligence Research

City of Greeley Museum's Curator of Collections Katie Ross and Assistant Registrar Annie Talmadge by their signatures, affirm that they have researched the Donor/Statement of Legal Title with due diligence for items **2013.98.0001 funds** as Transfers from the Community Development Department and that the Titles are correct and meet or exceed the requirements of CRS 38-14-103 (Limitations on Recovery of Loaned Property) for recovery.

The Deaccession Justifications, and the Recommendations for Deaccession and Disposal were based on the Greeley Museums Collections Management Policy best practices.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Curator of Collections

SIGNATURE

DATE

Assistant Registrar

Approval

SIGNATURE

DATE

Museum Advisory Board Chair or Museum Advisory Board Chair Vice Chair

SIGNATURE

DATE

Culture, Parks, & Recreation Department Director or Culture, Parks, & Recreation Department or Cultural Affairs Manager as Designee*

*The Cultural Affairs Manager may not sign for both Museum Manager's approval and final Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department approval as Designee.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TRIENNIAL REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

In 2001, Greeley voters approved an amendment to the Home Rule Charter, in Section 2-8 Appointive Boards and Commissions, to require that City Council review advisory groups every three (3) years to determine whether it continues to serve the purpose for which it was created. Ordinance No. 59, 2002, was adopted by City Council to implement the triennial review schedule for the appointive boards and commissions. In 2023, Human Relations Commission, Museum Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Judicial Review Board are currently scheduled for review.

To assist the council in this process, please provide the following information by completing this form, adding additional pages as necessary, and submitting the required attachments to the Clerk's Office before June 16, 2023.

Please find the attached documents: Current Board Bylaws and reference to the Greeley Municipal Code.

BOARD/COMMISSION NAME: Museum Board	DATE PREPARED: May 22, 2023
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MEMBERS:	
1. Mike Weiland	7. Marcus Embry
2. Emma Pena- McCleave	8. Gary Alexander
3. Flo Mikkleson	9.
4. George Junne	10.
5. Nancy Masiner	11.
6. David Melendez	12.

Greeley City Council has identified [Seven Strategic Focus Areas](#) :

a. Business Growth:

Create economic development, assess, and evaluate the structure and organization of the economic health and housing department, transform Greeley's image, reputation and perceptions of who we are as a livable and business-oriented community.

b. Community Vitality:

Develop a sub-area planning strategy providing master plan guidance, update Metro District Standards, promote high quality development, review development code to include new overlay districts, update city entryway plan and enhance the City's code compliance program to foster neighborhood success in meeting property use and maintenance standards.

c. High Performance Government:

Committed to effective systems, strategies, structures, strategic planning, and customer service. Values of transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of our resources.

d. Housing for All:

The goal is for residents of all socioeconomic levels have the ability to secure quality housing choices. Through partnerships with nonprofits and local national developers we create a model for sustaining diverse housing options.

e. Infrastructure and Mobility:

Strategically plan, design, and build our urban infrastructure systems and facilities so they are attractive, safe, and high performing.

f. Quality of Life Amenities:

Develop standards for landscape maintenance, promote signature community destinations and expand programming, services and facilities that support and enrich youth development throughout the community.

g. Safe and Secure Communities:

Greeley is a community that is committed and confident we are well-prepared to respond with resources need to address emergencies and continue essential operations and services.

1. Please list your Board/Commission priorities below: (1) for the primary, (2) for secondary and provide an explanation on how they align with the Strategic Priorities found above.

1. Community Vitality. To provide a cultural place and a place where the community can be involved in the City and to meet other citizens.

2. Quality of Life. Enhance cultural experiences and opportunities to work with our diverse communities. A community without a written and oral history doesn't exist.

7. Reviewing the current purpose of this board from the attached Greeley Municipal Code, define how the actions of this board are actively accomplishing this purpose.

Activities and projects that bring people into the Greeley History Museum.

a. What more needs to be done to deliver this service to the community? More funds and resources to expand museum activities. We are not working up to our potential due to lack of funding.

8. List annual workplan(s) over 2020-2023 and state what parts of the workplans were accomplished. List any projects in motion for the remainder of the year and after 2023.

We assist and support the staff. We have raised funds for the proposed Ag Heritage building. Staff or city should work with Board to develop and update the work plan.

9. Please share specific projects, achievements, and initiatives this board has completed over the last three years (2020-2023).

Raising funds for the Ag Heritage building. Promote activities and projects for Deerfield and MAHP. We have helped with receptions for the Bittersweet Harvest exhibit, Black and White exhibit, Deerfield Archaeology project. Some Board members volunteer at events.

10. What community events, volunteer opportunities and engagement forums do this board attend, support or facilitate? Please describe community engagement efforts over the last three years (2020-2023).

We volunteer at the Greeley History Museum and Centennial Village during events. That includes History Fest, Baby Animal Days, Potato Days and Twilight at the Museum.

11. Are board meetings conducted in an effective manner?

Yes.

12. Are meetings held according to your meeting schedule (e.g., 1st Friday of each month at 4.)?

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4 PM at the Greeley History Museum. We communicate with each other outside of meetings.

13. Are discussions focused on the agenda topics, are topics in line with your object or goals? Yes, and the agenda is projected on a large screen at the Greeley History Museum.

14. What format are your meetings held? (In-person, virtual or hybrid)
In person, with the exception of virtual during the pandemic, until June 2021.

15. Do members of the public attend meetings? If so, how many (average), how often and do they provide input?

No, but they are welcome to attend.

16. What could be done to improve board meetings?
Meetings have gotten better with more dialog.

17. List additional information this board feels would be helpful to Council to reauthorize this Board.
The Museum needs a volunteer coordinator. More advertising is needed for the Museum!

18. Other comments:

Please provide the following attachments:

- **2023 current work plan**
- **Attendance records (2020-2023)**
- **Bylaws if different from what was provided**

RULES and REGULATIONS of the MUSEUM BOARD
Of the CITY OF GREELEY

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Museum Board of the City of Greeley. The Museum Board shall consist of nine members, of which eight members shall be appointed by the City Council. The ninth member of the Museum Board shall be the President of the Friends of the Greeley Museums or a representative from the Friends Board of directors, who shall be appointed by them.

II. Authority and Purpose

- A. The Museum Board, created by Resolution No. 65, 1993, is appointed by, and therefore, is responsible to the City Council as representatives of the citizens of Greeley.
- B. The Museum Board is to provide an advisory role of leadership in the development of facilities and implementation of programs that enhance the purpose of the Greeley Museums to preserve and interpret the history of the Colorado High Plains Region, with emphasis on City of Greeley and Weld County.
- C. The City Manager shall make available all resources (budgetary, personnel, and facilities) and other technical assistance when requested by the Museum Board within the limits of available resources.
- D. The Museum Board has the authority to make available a category of membership called Ex-Officio. Representatives of organizations or individuals who bring special knowledge, skills or financial resources to the Museums will be recruited to fill the positions. If the position is no longer of value, the membership will be terminated. The ex-officio will receive all Museum information, participate in discussion, but will not have a vote.

III. Responsibility of the Board shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Collaboration with the staff in:
 - 1. The development and review of long range plans
 - 2. Establishing policies and procedures for public usage of museum facilities
 - 3. Development of educational programs
 - 4. Aiding in establishing priorities in the budget process
 - 5. Identification and acquisition of funds to enhance and supplement City funding in the expansion of the Museum System.
 - 6. Serving as a liaison between staff and individuals or groups wishing to donate in whole or in part major exhibits or properties.
- B. Establishing policies and procedures for the Museum collection
- C. Encouraging preservation of local buildings and sites

- D. Promoting placement of public and private records, artifacts and historic memorabilia for preservation within the Greeley Museums.
- E. Developing participation by interested citizens in becoming volunteers to work within the Museum System.

IV. Officers and Elections

- A. Elective officers of this organization shall be Chairman and Vice Chairman
- B. Officers shall be elected for a one (1) year term
- C. Officers shall be elected annually in September. They shall be elected by a simple majority.
- D. Any vacancies occurring in either elective or appointive offices shall be filled by the Board, excepting the office of Chairman, which shall be filled by the Vice Chairman.
- E. A City of Greeley Museum employee shall be appointed secretary.

V. Duties

Duties of officers shall be those usually ascribed to such officers and other such duties as may be required by the organization.

VI. Meeting and Quorum

- A. Meetings shall be held monthly or on call of the Manager of Cultural Affairs or the Chairman of the City of Greeley Museum Board.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or the Manager of Cultural Affairs or a majority of the members of the Board, provided forty-eight (48) hours notice is given.
- C. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of appointed members.
- D. A member must contact the Chairman of the Board to be excused from attending a meeting. A member missing three consecutive meetings without a valid excuse will be asked to resign from the Board.

VII. Committees

- A. Special committees may be named by the Board as needed.
- B. Chairmen shall name members of their own committees, including volunteers

VIII. Parliamentary Rules

Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern this organization in all matters in which they are applicable, and in which they are not in conflict with the Bylaws.

IX. Amendments

These Rules and Regulations may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting, providing a quorum is present, and notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Revised: 08/19/2021

Approved: 08/19/2021



August 6, 2026

Dear Greeley City Council,

I write to you as a concerned state partner and supporter of the Greeley History Museums. I'm the Director of the Affiliate Network of History Colorado. I was thrilled when Greeley History Museums, one of the oldest museum groups in our state, joined this statewide Affiliate Network. Smaller museums across the state could now learn from the exemplary Greeley History Museums. Also, the Greeley History Museums gained access to funding opportunities beyond its city support, industry best practices and state promotions focused on driving visitors to Centennial Village and the GHM ([Affiliate Network Visit Map](#))

All levels of government and all American families are experiencing financial difficulties. While I empathize with the City of Greeley's difficult position, I also strongly encourage you to find different budget cuts. Greeley's history is the only organization collecting and sharing the valuable history of Weld County. Also it has recently been partnering and sharing stories of Latino communities. Culturally relevant local history has been shown to increase students attendance, GPAs, graduation rates* (citation below). The Greeley History Museums has been educating annually 10,000 students - the next generation of civically engaged youth - through its doorbusting attendance at History Fest with over 2000 students and another 5000 students coming to its in-classroom Museum to You program, and its in depth Hands On History camp partnership with History Colorado. Saved history reminds residents what they love about their community and recommits them to working toward its ever stronger future.

Museums with minimal staff, as proposed, are just dusty stuff filled attics. The museum staff are the people who understand and actively share your community histories through History Fest, Field Trips and dynamic changing exhibitions. The proposed cuts would bring GHM's staffing levels well below national and state standards for a museum of its considerable holdings. Cutting hours and forcing seasonal closures is particularly dangerous. From my perspective working with 100 Colorado museums, maintaining open hours year round is a benchmark. - critical that regular open hours don't sustainably change by season. are important visitation drivers and thus financial engines for the city's cultural community. Once your public encounters the cognitive obstacles of confusing seasonal closures, they forget about your museums as an education and or leisure option.

Just two years ago, Greeley and its Greeley History Museums proudly hosted over two hundred museum professionals from the Colorado and Wyoming Museum Association for their three day annual conference. I came up from Denver, I stayed at the conference hotel the DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park, I attended professional development sessions at the cutting edge Linc Library Innovation Center, I roamed around your streets snapping pictures of your considerable public art. I especially enjoyed the Greeley History Museum and, of course Rattlesnake Kate ([LH Podcast Greeley History](#)) and also an exhibition about Kodak's role in your town, which was an interesting surprise that I didn't know about.

It was obvious to me in 2024, how much care and investment Greeley was making for their residents and visitors. Don't turn back the clock, don't cut your memory keepers and community builders, the staff at Greeley History Museums.

Sincerely,

Shannon Voinol

Director of Affiliate Network
History Colorado

cc Chair of Museum Advisory Board, Marcus Embry,
President of our Friends of the Museum, Patti Harold
Museums Manager, Dr Chris Bowles

(Thomas S. Dee & Emily K. Penner, 2017. "The Causal Effects of Cultural Relevance," American Educational Research Journal, vol 54(1), pages 127-166. <https://www.nber.org/papers/w21865>)