

Minutes of the Special Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall, 250 North Main, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bridget Lee, excused at 8:22 p.m.
Spence Packer, Chair
Bruce Powell
Nancy Smith
Paul Thomas Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Sommer

STAFF PRESENT

Larry Wright, City Council Liaison, arrived at 7:40 p.m.
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

VISITOR

Lisa Buckmiller

PRIORITIZE GOALS

Bridget Lee prepared a hand-out of the Whitaker Museum goals for the FY 2013-2014. The following governing goals will be directing the Museum, pending Council approval.

Complete the Physical Improvements

- Interior
- Exterior
- Landscaping
- Develop a three, five, and ten-year plan

Preserve Current Artifacts and Assets

- Digitize
- Preserve
- Improve Accessibility to City and Community

Become a Historical Hub within the Community

- Develop an ad campaign to further improve the image of the Museum and Centerville City
- Create opportunities for positive public relations and alert the community to our events

BUDGET ASSOCIATED WITH GOALS

The estimated interior budget for 2013-2014 is \$15,000. The estimated exterior budget is \$13,000. The Capital Improvement Account for future needs (barn, full property development, etc.) is \$4,000. Landscaping is estimated to be \$1,000.

REPORT FROM ERIN REDD ON COMMUNITY GARDENS

Nancy Smith reported that Erin Redd is requesting \$360 to do fertilizing this year at the community garden. Erin was not able to attend the meeting this evening, and Bruce Powell and Chair Spence Packer will meet with Erin Redd to hear her justification for requesting fertilizer for the garden. Chair Packer proposed that the Board will pay for only \$200 worth of fertilizer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Nancy Smith expressed concern about tour groups who make appointments to tour the Museum and then don't show for the tour. It was suggested a small fee or deposit be requested for tour groups.

The City Council will be touring the Whitaker Museum on Tuesday, March 26th, at 6:00 p.m. Paul Thomas Smith will be telling a humorous story that took place at the home. Chair Packer will give a ten-minute presentation on the budget for the Whitaker Museum for the coming fiscal year.

Lisa Buckmiller reported that Don Hartley, State Historic Director, will nominate the Whitaker Museum for a State History Award that is given each September at the History Conference. The National Parks Service will include the Whitaker Museum as one of their success stories.

Lisa Bednarz has been able to retrieve three years of data, but time is needed to complete the actual filing and organizing from the data that was retrieved. Lisa indicated it would take a lot of effort to do this.

Lisa Buckmiller reported on training for artifacts preservation. Utah Humanities Council has a grant available where they meet with small museums to train the Board and docents on how to care for some of the artifacts and clothing at museums. The Board agreed they would like to have this training, and Lisa will contact the Council to schedule the training.

Bridget Lee was excused at 8:22 p.m.

It was recommended that Lisa Buckmiller take over the story telling events. Lisa Buckmiller said she is going to interview Joe Rawlins, Cal Tingey, and Ron Randall and others on events that occurred in the early years of Centerville, such as the wash house and horse sleigh racing. She will then take these oral interviews and compile a written report. This hopefully will help to secure a grant to do more public oral histories.

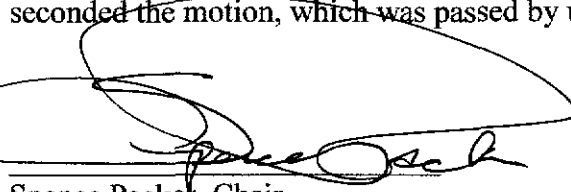
1 Paul Thomas Smith displayed photographs of Thomas Whitaker that were obtained from
2 Diane Chamberlain, who is a Whitaker descendant. To date this is the only full length photo of
3 Thomas.

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5 **NEXT MEETING**

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7 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at
8 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Council Room at City Hall.

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10 **ADJOURN**

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12 At 8:40 p.m., Bruce Powell made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Paul Thomas Smith
13 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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18 Spence Packer, Chair

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22 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary
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