

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Wednesday, November 4,
2 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall, 250 North Main Street,
3 Centerville, Utah.

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5 **PRESENT**

6 Spencer Packer, Chair
7 Nancy Smith
8 Paul Thomas Smith
9 Laura Toney

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11 **ABSENT**

12 Diane Chamberlain

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Larry Wright, City Council Liaison
16 Lisa Linn Sommer, Whitaker Museum Director
17 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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19 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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21 Minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Chair Spencer Packer made a **motion**
22 to approve the minutes pending the corrections on the bid for the pavers, and on the painting of
23 the schoolhouse. Laura Toney seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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25 **CLG OVERVIEW**

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27 Chair Spencer Packer reported he met with Don Hartley from the State Historical Society,
28 who checked the grant projects with Chair Packer. Mr. Hartley was very impressed with the work
29 that has been done at the Museum, and suggested in 2016 a CLG Grant option might be a brick
30 ramp in front of the Museum for handicap access to the original part of the building. Another idea
31 is to make a video presentation of the entire Museum for handicap patrons who cannot tour the
32 entire Museum. Mr. Hartley also suggested security lighting and locks, and completing the front
33 gutters and interior painting of the windows. The parlor has a barrel vault which could have a line
34 separation and a lighter color painted on the ceiling cut to give the room more light.

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36 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, said it appears the pavers on the front walkway have
37 not been completed, and she will talk with Mike Spink to see when the work will be completed.
38 Chair Packer said he will talk with Jim Rohletter on completing the work for the down spouts and
39 patina. The CLG Grant will not cover the paving of the driveway, but perhaps the RAP Tax will
40 if approval is given. The driveway is the next largest capital expense item at the Museum. Larry
41 Wright, City Council Liaison, suggested the Whitaker Museum Board make a report of the projects
42 that need to be completed at the Museum for the next ten years, and give them to the City Council.

1 **BUDGET REVIEW**

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3 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reviewed the CLG Grant allocation for the year
4 2014, and everything was awarded that the Board requested. Lisa was commended by the Board
5 for her efforts in compiling the paperwork for the CLG Grant. There was also over \$9,000 from
6 in-kind donations that were received from businesses, and Lisa will be sending thank you letters
7 to those businesses. Chair Packer said he would like to give a presentation to the City Council on
8 November 17th on the improvements the Board has accomplished during the past year, including
9 past events and activities.

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11 **2016 CALENDARING**

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13 Whitaker Museum Board events for next year are due by December 19th to Lisa Summers,
14 Recreation Director. The Board agreed the Zombie Run on October 24th was a success, even
15 though there was not a large number of participants. Several participants of the race said they
16 enjoyed it, and asked the Board to do it next year. The Viewmont Cross Country Coach said their
17 team enjoyed being the zombies, and they would like to do it again. The Board agreed more
18 publicity through social media needs to take place for this event next year.

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20 **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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22 Paul Thomas Smith reported his wife is doing well after breaking her leg in a fall while
23 visiting family in Virginia. While in Virginia, he was able to tour many historical sites, and took
24 notice of how the tours were conducted. In 2016, it will be the 200th anniversary of Thomas
25 Whitaker's birth. He would like the Museum Board to celebrate and do some extra things as part
26 of this anniversary. He suggested a Whitaker Family Reunion, completing Ruth's upstairs
27 bedroom as it was when she was a teenager, and a story telling event on Thomas Whitaker's life
28 by John Mills Whitaker. Mr. Smith reported the Whitaker Family Organization is disorganized,
29 and the Board should not plan on any money from the organization. Mr. Smith would like to have
30 a model created of the home as it was when Thomas Whitaker was alive. Mr. Smith has been
31 writing a book at his own expense on the life of Thomas Whitaker, and he is nearly completed
32 with the book. It will cost between \$5,000 - \$6,000, and he would like help with the cost. It is
33 hoped when the book is published, it will be a source of revenue for the Museum. He would like
34 to have a 20 minute CGI animated presentation done on the museum and on Thomas Whitaker and
35 his two wives.

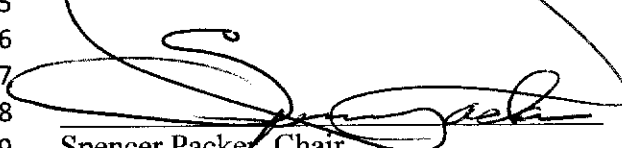
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37 Nancy Smith reported the Board needs to prioritize the items that need to be completed,
38 and there is a need for a desk downstairs and a better working environment for Lisa Sommer.

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40 **NEXT MEETING**

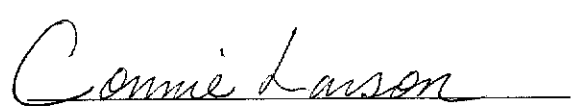
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42 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at
43 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Conference Room at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 5:40 p.m., Nancy Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Paul Thomas Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).


Spencer Packer, Chair

1-6-2015
Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

