

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at
2 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Robin Jensen

6 Jim Morgan, was excused at 6:00 p.m.

7 Spencer Packer, Chair, arrived at 5:10 p.m.

8 Nancy Smith

9 Jana Taylor

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11 **STAFF PRESENT**

12 George McEwan, City Council Liaison

13 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, arrived at 5:10 p.m.

14 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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16 **NEW BOARD MEMBER**

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18 Jana Taylor was introduced as a new member of the Whitaker Museum Board. In 2018,
19 Jana was doing genealogy, when she discovered her great grandfather is Thomas Whitaker from
20 his wife Hannah. She is a resident of Bountiful, but works as a docent at the Whitaker Museum.
21 She has been doing social media posts for the Museum.

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23 **WEBER BASIN/DEUEL CREEK WATER RESTRICTIONS AT THE MUSEUM**
24 **AND COMMUNITY GARDENS**

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26 George McEwan, City Council Liaison, reported irrigation water is to be cut down 60
27 percent from last year. The Deuel Creek Irrigation Board will only allow watering one day a week
28 for 20 minutes. The best option is to fill five-gallon buckets and hand water the Community
29 Gardens. If there are more than four violations, the irrigation water may be turned off for all of the
30 garden plots.

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32 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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34 Minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Nancy Smith made a **motion** to
35 approve the minutes as written. Robin Jensen seconded the motion, which was passed by
36 unanimous vote (5-0).

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38 **REPORT – STATE ARCHITECT CLG TOUR**

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40 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the State architect toured the Whitaker
41 Museum recently. The CLG Grant will be submitted to be used for sealing the stone, but not the
42 brick on the Museum. The architect said the windows on the brick portion of the home need to be
43 sealed, especially for the parlor bay window. The front door needs to be refinished and the entire
44 threshold, jam, transom, strike plate, fixed panel, header and sill in front needs to be repaired. The
45 work will begin in July, fiscal year 2023.

FY 2023 BUDGET CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported due to water restrictions, there will be no new landscaping and planting this year. FY 2023 RAP will be used for the approved hardscape plans and projects. The lawn at the Museum will not be watered this summer, and it will be roped off to prevent people from walking on it and damaging it.

George McEwan, City Council Liaison, said Centerville has applied for a Waterwise Grant entitled "Flip the Strip," that will help residents who want to remove sod from their park strips and replace it with river rock or flagstone. He also said 75 percent of wasted irrigation water is on park strips. Lisa Linn Sommer asked if RAP money can be rolled over from one fiscal year to another. George McEwan replied that the money can be rolled over for designated projects.

Chair Spencer Packer made a **motion** to allow Lisa Linn Sommer and Lisa Romney to determine the compliant language stipulations that are needed to be put in place on the watering restrictions for the Community Garden. Nancy Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

EVENTS

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the first Storytelling Event for this year was held last week. Bob Brown told of the first jubilee of the pioneers. There were 40 people in attendance, and it was very successful. The May Storytelling event will be on Women's Suffrage, and on the prominent women in Utah who helped women get the right to vote. There were a few people who told Lisa they are not receiving advertisements on events at the Museum. Lisa Sommer and Nancy Smith are working with Alpha Graphics on an advertising banner for the Storytelling Events that will be displayed in front of the Whitaker Museum. Flyer's advertising events at the Museum have been placed at local businesses where Centerville citizens frequent. Advertising yard signs will be given to each Board member to place in their yard to advertise Storytelling Events. George McEwan said he will ask the Utah Storytelling Guild to advertise the Whitaker Museum Storytelling events in their newsletter.

October 11, 2022 will be the 160-year anniversary of Ft. Douglas.

The Board discussed compensation for presenters of the Storytelling Events, especially those who travel long distances to come to Centerville. The Board agreed compensation should be given to the presenters.

Chair Spencer Packer made a **motion** to approve the expenditure for each Storyteller presenter in the amount of \$100 reimbursement.

Chair Spencer Packer amended the **motion** to provide an honorarium up to \$100 for FY2023. Robin Jensen seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Jim Morgan reported he has been contacting churches in Centerville to invite them to schedule a tour for their youth and adult groups to the Museum.

At 6:00 p.m., Jim Morgan was excused from the meeting.

Robin Jensen reported he went through all of the books at the Museum to identify and categorize the books. He divided them into three categories: 1) Books not needed; 2) Books on Centerville and Utah history; 3) Books that might have monetary value.

A list of books that have been ascended to the Museum will be made. There are also early 20th century books that have nice covers that could be placed on a shelf to make the shelf look nice. Docents at the Museum will be asked to research the value of the first category of books in their spare time to help determine if the books should go to the Deseret Industries or be sold. Nancy Smith said there is a Mission and Purpose Statement that states if an artifact is not pertinent to the Museum, it can be removed.

Nancy Smith suggested the Storytelling events be advertised at the Farmington and Bountiful museums. Lisa Linn Sommer reported Bryce King toured museums from Syracuse to Salt Lake City. He suggested a winter, museum tour scavenger game, of museums starting in January and ending in March next year.

Chair Spencer Packer reported he went to tour a museum in Nephi, but the museum was closed. He looked at the artifacts and farm equipment in the yard.

Lisa Linn Sommer reported the geocaches at the Museum are doing well, but she would like to move it to a new location on the Museum property in a few months.

VOLUNTEERS

More volunteers are needed at the Museum, and two Board members are also needed.

NEXT MEETING

The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 6:15 p.m., Nancy Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Robin Jensen seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

1 Jennifer Hansen
2 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder
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5-24-22
Date Approved

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6 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

