

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at
2 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Bob Brown
6 Robin Jensen, Vice Chair
7 Spencer Packer
8 Jana Taylor

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Jim Morgan, Chair
12 Nancy Smith

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
16 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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18 **VISITOR**

19 Erin Redd

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21 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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23 Minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Spencer Packer made a **motion** to
24 approve the minutes as written. Jana Taylor seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous
25 vote (4-0).

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27 **WHITAKER COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT**

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29 Erin Redd distributed the garden report for 2022 and for the first four months of 2023. Erin
30 and her family have been responsible for the Whitaker Community Garden for over eleven years,
31 and they conduct the Garden Orientation Meeting each spring. For 2023, there are only three large
32 plots left to rent, and all of the smaller plots have been rented. The Garden Orientation Meeting
33 was held on April 13th. Lisa Sommer reported the tractor has a broken part, but Bruce Cox said he
34 has ordered the part. The Board thanked Erin and her husband Brian for their efforts at the
35 Community Garden.

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37 Spencer Packer made a **motion** to approve the budget request for the Whitaker Community
38 Garden. Bob Brown seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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40 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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42 Lisa Sommer, Museum Director, reported Bryce King, Community Service Manager, has
43 requested the Museum Board attend City Council next Tuesday, May 2nd. Mr. King will be
44 receiving an award at the City Council meeting. This award is in recognition of the Flash Back
45 activity he, the Museum Board, and Museum Director developed last summer.

1 **DAVIS COUNTY MUSEUM APRIL ADVENTURE**

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3 The Davis County Museums, 'April Architecture Adventure' event has had 198 visits in 27
4 days. Families, couples, and even architects have participated in this Itty-Bitty Architectural
5 Scavenger Hunt activity. All of the Davis County historical museums have exhibits and an activity.
6 Centerville Davis County Museum's will hold a combined event twice a year, spring and fall. The
7 next activity kick off will most likely be held in the fall at the Garr Ranch on Antelope Island. The
8 theme will most likely be Urban Legends.

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10 **DUP SERICULTURE MONTH**

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12 Lisa Sommers reported that this April is Sericulture education month. She reported that
13 DUP members visited the Whitaker Museum to learn more about Thomas and Elizabeth Whitaker
14 who had a cottage industry producing silk and sericulture, and made a scarf and vest for Brigham
15 Young. (The scarf and vest can be viewed at the SLC DUP Museum).

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17 **STORYTELLING – CENTERVILLE ELEMENTARY REMEMBERED**

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19 The alumni from the original Centerville Elementary built in 1915 by William R. Allen,
20 were invited to the April Storytelling Event, where they told stories of the school and shared
21 memories of going there. Bob Pettit, who is 93 years old, and Earl Tingey, who is 89 years old,
22 attended and told stories about playing marbles and how much they loved their teachers, and
23 growing up in Centerville. The hill on the east side of the school has large boulders that were from
24 the rock slide in the 1930 flood. The current principal of the school also attended. There were 36
25 people in attendance.

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27 **SERVICE HOURS/GROUPS APRIL**

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29 Lisa Sommer reported the LDS missionaries helped to set up chairs and tables for the April
30 Storytelling event. The missionaries will be asked to help move artifacts from the museum
31 basement to the museum pod at Public Works. Young women have been asked to help with the Tea
32 Party in June. Students from Viewmont High School have been helping with labeling and
33 inventorying books at the Museum.

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35 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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37 **MAY**

38 **School Field Trips**

39 There are four elementary schools fourth grade classes coming for field trips to the
40 Museum in May, which will be approximately 300 people.

Storytelling – B. H. Roberts

John Sillitto historian and Weber State University Professor, will be lecturer for the 'Keeping Our Stories Alive,' Storytelling Event on Thursday, May 11th on the book he wrote, "B. H. Roberts, A Life in the Public Arena." This book is about B H Roberts, and there are descendants of B. H. Roberts who are planning to attend this event.

There are citizens who have asked that the Storytelling Events be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend in person. Lisa Sommer reported in order to do this, the city recorder would have to run the cameras and stay at the meeting, in addition to her being at City Hall during the day. The City Recorder suggested the lectures be recorded and posted at a later date, possibly the following day, on YouTube.

The Board agreed the Storytelling Event will be recorded and posted on YouTube the next day, allowing patrons to view at their convenience. Lisa Sommer will discuss this possibility with the City Recorder, Jennifer Robison.

JUNE

Tea Party

The Tea will be held on June 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in the yard at the Museum. There are 100 openings, and 36 spaces have been reserved. There will be one seating only, and the cost is \$30 per person. Online registration is available until May 28th. There will be a drawing for a quilt that was made by a Centerville quilt group. This event is advertised on the City Website/Museum link, Facebook and Instagram.

Storytelling – Bear River Massacre

The June Storytelling event will be a lecture on the Bear River Massacre, taken from material found in his book on the subject. It will be by Darren Perry, Tribal Leader, author who is a Shoshone Indian.

JULY

Fourth of July – Root Beer Floats will be sold for 25 cents at the Museum, and Judy Gunn and her friend will be doing spinning.

FLASHBACK

Heritage Fair, July 13

The Heritage Fair will be on Thursday, July 13th, from 5:00 p.m. to dark. Lisa Sommer would like to have an indigenous people exhibit. An interactive map has been created and is continually updated as Indian sites are reported in Davis County. It shows camps, journaled events, and the graves of some of the indigenous people. Plans are being made to have tepees, a leather works man from Heritage, mountain men, prospectors, military, and textiles exhibits. Lisa would like to have a blacksmith and a petting zoo, and possibly the sheep camp from the Bavelas Farm.

1 There will possibly be an old farm equipment display and a quilt exhibit. The Board
2 discussed having a farmer's market, but those people selling items must be artisans to
3 participate. There would be 15 maximum vendors allowed to attend.
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5 **CLG GRANT REPORT**
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7 Lisa Sommer reported the CLG chimney restoration is completed. The modern gas pipe
8 was lowered and is not visible above the chimney from the street, and the rain pipes have been
9 extended. This completes a project that has been divided into steps, as grant monies have become
10 available.
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12 **BOARD REPORTS**
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14 Robin Jensen reported he researched the Hans Jepperson painting that was gifted to the
15 Museum, and he showed the painting to an art historian he works with. The historian said this artist
16 typically did landscaping, but the painting does look familiar to earlier paintings he did. Hans
17 Jepperson is an early Utah artist who has pieces at the Springville Art Museum.
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19 Spencer Packer reported Reg Miles will be oiling the shake roof when it stops raining long
20 enough for the roof to dry out. This is a CLG project for the current grant cycle.

21 **NEXT MEETING**
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23 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 5:00 p.m. at
24 City Hall.
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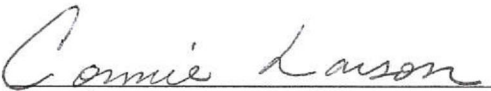
26 **ADJOURN**
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28 At 5:50 p.m., Spencer Packer made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Bob Brown seconded
29 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).
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33 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
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5-23-2023

Date Approved

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38 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary
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