

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, May 28, 2024 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 Jim Morgan, Chair
7 Nancy Smith
8 Jana Taylor
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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Alyson Childs
12 Robin Jensen
13 Spencer Packer
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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison
17 Haley Turner, Staff
18 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
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20 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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22 Minutes of the March 26, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Bob Brown made a **motion** to
23 approve the minutes as amended. Nancy Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by
24 unanimous vote (5-0).
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26 **REPORT ON DMC APRIL EVENTS**

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28 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported on the Indigenous People Presence Tour in
29 Davis County. It was the Davis County Event Museum which incorporates the Antelope Island
30 Museum, Syracuse Museum, Layton Museum, Kaysville Museum, Fruit Heights Museum,
31 Farmington Museum, Bountiful Museum, and Centerville's Whitaker Museum. A map has been
32 developed on Google Maps with red flags that can be clicked on that will explain the location and
33 the story of indigenous presence dating back to the Fremont Indians.
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35 There was a hike in March with the Trails Committee to the pictographs. There were 25
36 people who hiked to the pictographs to the medicine wheel and back. Nancy Smith suggested
37 adding the date with pictures of the events when it happened, and have it on the Whitaker Museum
38 webpage. Haley Turner will work with Mike Smith on this item.
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40 **GARDEN UPDATE**

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42 Lisa Linn Sommer reported the gardens are going great. The water was off because there
43 was a break in the water line, but there was enough rain that it did not matter. There are two garden
44 plots that have not been sold yet.

SERVICE PROJECTS FOR THE MUSEUM FOR APRIL AND MAY

There were ten to twelve LDS Missionaries who came two to three times a week to help prep the campus for some of the RAP projects, and to get ready to finish the summer kitchen yard and help prepare for the Victorian Tea on June 8th. There was a young men and young women group that came twice in April to weed, move rocks, and help move the wagon to its new location. There were volunteers who came to help with the school field trips in May. There were 341 students who came for the field day in May. The elementary schools represented were: Tolman, Centerville, Stewart, and J. A. Taylor Elementary Schools.

REPORT ON MAY'S "KEEPING OUR STORIES ALIVE," ALF ENGEN LECTURE

Lisa Linn Sommer reported Alan Engen, son of Alf Engen, reported on his father at the May Keeping Our Stories Alive. People came from Sports Illustrated who had filmed Alf Engen and who knew him. People also came from St. George and Park City Lisa Sommer filmed the lecture, and Mike Smith will edit it and add it to the storytelling archives for people to watch. It is because of Alf Engen that there is skiing in Utah, and that the Olympics came to Utah.

JUNE EVENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

June 8th Elizabeth's Victorian Tea Party

There are 125 guests registered for the Tea Party at a cost of \$20 per person. The Parks Department will beautify the yard next week. Volunteers are needed at 1:00 p.m. to help clean-up after this event. There will be 16 tables and 20 tents to fold and take down, and have them ready for the Parks Department to pick-up on June 10th.

June 13th Date Night at the Museum

This will be an open mic night. There will be a jazz band that will be performing, and they will act as back-up for anyone who would like to perform. This will be from 6:00 p.m. to dark. Mosquito abatement will be coming the night before to spray for mosquitos. The Avenues Ukulele Band will also perform. Watercolor art classes will be taught for 12 couples by Libby Dibb at a cost of \$30 per couple.

Haley Turner said these events have been posted on the city webpage. Nancy Smith said she is on the Centerville City Facebook Page, but she is not getting the Whitaker Museum events on Facebook. Haley said she updates the city's main page and the Whitaker Museum page. Now Playing Utah is where Discover Davis and the small city newspaper posts event information to advertise.

JULY EVENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

July 4th, July 5th, and July 6th

The Centerville Parade will be on July 4th. Founder's Family Fun Night will be on July 5th, and Fireworks and activities will be on July 6th.

July 6th Pop Up Museum at the Ball Park

There will be a table with a pop-up Museum representing the Whitaker Museum at the Community Park on July 6th. Vestill Harrison made a newsletter during World War II of what was happening in Centerville to send to the soldiers from Centerville. Letters would be received from the families of the soldiers and they were printed in the newsletter. The letters were put into a booklet and sold in 2015 in conjunction with Centerville's 100-year anniversary of incorporation as a city. The booklets will be sold at the park, along with wooden coins. A spinster will be spinning wool and a mountain man will also be at this event.

July 11th – Flash Back Heritage

Flash Back Heritage Event will be the "Living Military Timeline" beginning at 6:00 p.m. to dark. There will be military representation in costume from the Revolutionary War through World War II. Mormon Battalion will be bringing cannons and muskets to shoot-off every hour. Spencer Packer will demonstrate horse and mule shoeing. A mountain man will talk about how mountain men helped the military, and horse nail rings will be made for the children. A triage tent will be there demonstrating how nurses bandaged the soldiers, and they will put bandages on children if they want.

BOARD REPORTS

Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison, will report to the City Council the activities the Whitaker Museum will be doing.

Bob Brown reported his family has been placing American flags on veteran's graves on Memorial Day for the past 29 years. They placed 511 flags on veteran's graves this year. The Board discussed having volunteers help Bob Brown in the future to place flags on veteran's graves.

NEXT MEETING

The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 6:00 p.m., Nancy Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Jana Taylor seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

1 Jennifer Robison
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3 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
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6-27-2024

Date Approved

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7 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

