

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, October 22, 2024
2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville,
3 Utah.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

6 Bob Brown
7 Alyson Childs
8 Jim Morgan, Chair
9 Nancy Smith
10 Spencer Packer

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

13 Robin Jensen
14 Jana Taylor

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16 **STAFF PRESENT**

17 Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison
18 Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
19 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
20 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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22 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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24 Minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Spencer Packer made a **motion** to
25 approve the minutes as written. Bob Brown seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous
26 vote (5-0).

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28 **THANK YOU LETTERS**

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30 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the thank you letters are not ready for
31 signature. Lisa also reported Noma Roberts Kjar passed away recently. Noma was 102 years old,
32 and she was a veteran. She was a member of the Literary Club, and when one of their members
33 passes away, they donate \$50 to the Whitaker Museum, to be used to pay for construction of the
34 museum clothesline.

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36 **REPORT ON RAP AND OTHER PROJECTS**

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38 Lisa Linn Sommer reported the curbing around the pavers path is completed. The pavers
39 need to be leveled with sand and sealed. The Parks Department said they will do the grass and
40 stones outside of the summer kitchen, and the area west of the pine trees until a decision is made
41 on a barn or orchard. A professional will be asked to do a drawing of a barn that can be presented
42 to the City Council. Every other town has an Active Aging Center, and a barn in Centerville could
43 serve as an Active Aging Center.

1 Spencer Packer asked if this would be a timber frame barn. If it is going to be more upscale,
2 it will cost more money. Haley Turner, Community Services Manager, explained this building
3 would be for multi-use purposes that can be rented. It would be used for the Victorian Tea Party,
4 quilting bees, displaying of large artifacts, etc. The City Council is reviewing the General Plan,
5 and this space will be part of the decision. Mike Eggett, Community Development Director, will
6 be invited to the next meeting to discuss the barn. Bob Brown reported on the Bountiful Senior
7 Center, that requires an on-site manager because of its size.

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9 Lisa Linn Sommer reported she attended the CLG Conference in Price. They talked about
10 grants for cemeteries that would allow volunteers to preserve old headstones. Another grant would
11 have volunteers watch and report on historic sites, such as mines and petroglyphs. Lisa discussed
12 a fire that was intentionally set in a mine, and a volunteer who watched the mine was able to help
13 catch the arsonists by the number that was stamped on the bottom of their beer cans left at the
14 destruction and found at the arsonists camp.

15 EVENTS REPORT

16 July Activities

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18 There were a lot of activities in the summer and they went very well. The military
19 reenactors dressed in uniform for the July activity said they want to come again next year.
20 September is Constitution Month, and Lisa suggested the Heritage Fair be held in September
21 instead of July. It will be cooler and could coincide with an activity to highlight the constitution.
22 The July 4th activities went very well. The mountain man and Judy's spinning wheel demonstration
23 was a big draw. There were 600 people who stopped by the booth to watch the demonstrations.

24 Fall Festival

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26 The Fall Festival was on October 14th. Spencer Packer brought his antique truck, and there
27 were crafts to make. The service missionaries picked pumpkins. This event was very popular.

28 Walking Tour

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30 The Walking Tour was well attended, over 60 patrons attended this event in September.
31 The Wayment home, the Chase log cabin, Folsom home, YM Hall District 14 school/Second Ward
32 and the Streeper home were included this year. These homes are outside of the historic home
33 district so educational banners were posted in the yards allowing tour guests to learn the histories.
34 There were requests for an interior walking home tour next year.

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37 The Davis County Museum Conference was held on September 14th at the Farmington
38 Community Center. There was a professional Storyteller that told urban legends. There were 100
39 people who attended. The next conference will be held next April, and the projected theme will
40 be railroads, and the Bamberger will be highlighted.

41 The Whit after Dark Mystery

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The Whit After Dark will be held on October 24th at the Museum. The theme will be a Grouchy Prospector From 1928. Participants will be in groups of six, and they will receive clues and a map to help them find Spanish Gold that is hidden in the “gold mine.” Board members will be volunteering at this activity, and will dress in 1928 period costumes.

ACTIVE AGING CONFERENCE AND TAKEAWAYS

Lisa Linn Sommer reported she attended the Active Aging Conference on September 18th in Provo. People are living longer and they are more fit and healthy. The conference suggested people at age 50 years old, should be welcomed to use senior facilities for pickleball and other activities, such as walking groups and games. There is a need for a senior facility in Centerville.

VR VIRTUAL TOUR PREVIEW

Lisa Linn Sommer worked on the virtual tour of the Whitaker Museum, and it is ready for final approval. Haley Turner played the virtual tour for the Board. Each room has a text to read, and Grant Nielsen is the narrator for the virtual tour. Lisa will send the link of the virtual tour to each Board member. Advertising for the virtual tour link will be on the city website, city newsletter, and at the Museum.

BOARD REPORTS

Jim Morgan asked how advertising for the Whitaker Museum is done. Lisa Linn Sommer explained the Museum is advertised on Discover Davis, Davis County Museum website, the city Facebook and Instagram website, and the Davis Journal.

Spencer Packer asked if the City Council could be approached about using the RAP Tax for activities in the community, and not just for physical improvements as it is done now. Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison, said she will ask Lisa Romney, City Attorney, about this question.

Hayley Turner and Lisa Linn Sommer reported they are working on a text that a person can subscribe to that will list events at the Museum. Haley Turner displayed the new Centerville logo for the Board to see.

NEXT MEETING

The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 6:15 p.m., Spencer Packer made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Smith seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

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Jennifer Robison
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

1-28-2025
Date Approved

Connie Larson
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

