

Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Brown

Alyson Childs, was excused at 6:08 p.m.

Jim Morgan, Chair

Nancy Smith

Jana Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robin Jensen

Spencer Packer

STAFF PRESENT

Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison

Mike Eggett, Community Development Director, was excused at 5:45 p.m.

Haley Turner, Community Services Manager

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director

Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The October 22, 2024 meeting minutes were not approved. They will be approved at the meeting in January.

DIRECTOR REPORT

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on November 7th for city volunteers.

THINK TANK WITH MIKE EGGETT

Mike Eggett, Community Development Director, began working for Centerville City last February. He previously worked for the cities of Syracuse, West Bountiful, and Riverdale. He grew up in Bountiful and Centerville, and attended Viewmont High School. He began working on the General Plan when he was hired in February, as the current General Plan is 30 years old. Mr. Eggett discussed his idea of an Integrated Historic Walking Tour. The city recently had a stakeholder meeting with leaders in the city and large property owners. From this meeting, data and information were gathered for public outreach. A website has been made with maps for the public to make comments, and the text is being written for the mapping. The key component is the Historic District and how it integrates with the cultural heritage of Centerville. Mr. Eggett distributed maps of the existing walking trail and historic sites in Centerville. The proposed walking and bike bath would start and end at the Whitaker Museum, and it would be 1.9 miles long. The contractor suggested installing street monuments or signage along the proposed trail for people to stop and read.

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2 The General Plan is a long-range guiding tool to help the city think about how the
3 community develops and the future of the community. The Historic Tour has the potential for more
4 cultural experiences, and is one way to bring more people into the community that helps economic
5 growth. Mr. Eggett said maps of the proposed Historic Tour will be distributed at the Tree Lighting
6 Ceremony, and surveys will be passed out for people to complete. Whitaker Museum Board
7 members can give their ideas or comments to Haley Turner, Mike Eggett or Bryce King.

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9 Jim Morgan asked if there is a sense of how the information will be used in the community.
10 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, said the outside and virtual tours can count how many
11 people log onto the website. There has been hesitation on making plans for the City Hall property,
12 as it is unknown what is going to happen with the Randall property. There has been discussion on
13 the park's enhancements and a barn. Lisa Linn Sommer said there is interest for larger space for
14 senior gatherings.

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16 Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison, reported studies show the people use parks if
17 they are within one-half mile from their home. There is a need for park space on the west side of
18 Centerville. She would like to draw more people to Centerville by using the Whitaker Museum.
19 Centerville is big on heritage and history, and there are opportunities with the ground around the
20 Museum and City Hall. Cheylynn suggested a work session with the City Council on what should
21 be done with the open property around City Hall. The work session will be scheduled for January.

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23 **At 5:45 p.m., Mike Eggett was excused from the meeting.**

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25 **PIONEER CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS**

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27 Lisa Linn Sommer reported there has been an increase every year in the Pioneer Christmas
28 activity at the Museum. There is currently one space left for the activity this year. The Board
29 discussed ways activities at the Museum are advertised, which is through the Davis County Journal
30 newspaper and the city website, Instagram, Facebook, Discover Davis, Davis County Museums,
31 Now Playing Utah social media sites. Targeted advertising needs to be done by using the email
32 addresses of patrons who have previously visited the Museum and have left their email address.
33 Haley Turner reported the new opt-in text alerts started today that allows people to receive text
34 alerts on recreation and events at the city. The Museum text alert phone number is 801-677-6435
35 to use text, MUSEUM to 801-677-6435. The city webpage is being streamlined to make it more
36 user friendly.

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38 **VIRTUAL TOUR PREVIEW**

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40 Lisa Linn Sommer reported the kitchen was not on the Virtual Tour. There was only enough
41 money to feature certain rooms and the summer kitchen incorporates both kitchens. The audio is
42 only on the outside of the Museum, but it will be added to the inside tour before publication.
43 Jana Taylor said the tour talks about the antique biscuit crock and pickle jar but it does not show
44 the side board. Lisa Sommer made note for VR Wizards to insert a pop up photo of these artifacts.
45 The Virtual Tour needs to note that there is more to see that is not available on the Virtual Tour.

At 6:08 p.m., Alyson Childs was excused from the meeting.

**VIEWMONT HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CE CLASS VOLUNTEER
SERVICE REPORT**

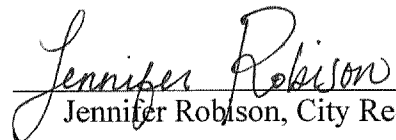
Lisa Linn Sommer reported the teacher over the CE Communications Class at Viewmont High School requires her students to perform service in the community. They volunteered three separate times at the Museum by organizing the attic and cellar winterizing the flower beds and gardens, and by decorating the Museum for Christmas. The Alder family is donating the Christmas tree for the Museum, and it will be delivered on December 3rd. The Alder family has cut and donated the Christmas tree for the Whitaker every year for eight years. The Service Missionaries have also been helping at the Museum; they have helped organize the storage pod, garden weeding, and winterizing.

NEXT MEETING

The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 6:15 p.m., Jana Taylor made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Bob Brown seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

1-28-2025
Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

