



WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CENTERVILLE WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING AT 5:00 PM ON MARCH 24, 2026 AT CENTERVILLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 250 NORTH MAIN STREET, CENTERVILLE, UTAH.

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A. MISSION STATEMENT

The Whitaker - Centerville's Heritage Museum tells Centerville's story, teaches traditional values, creates links between past and present and cultivates pride in our rich heritage.

B. ROLL CALL

C. MINUTES

Minutes of prior meetings may be reviewed and accepted. Minutes review and approval shall comply with the Centerville City Minutes Approval Policy.

1. Minutes Review and Approval
February 24, 2025 Minutes

D. DIRECTOR REPORT

1. March 2026 Events
"A Century of Centerville Women"

E. BOARD REPORTS

1. General Plan on Historic Preservation
2. Landmarks Commission and the Whitaker Museum

F. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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**Jennifer Robison
Centerville City Recorder**

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, February 24,
2 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street,
3 Centerville, Utah.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

6 Alyson Childs
7 Jim Morgan, Chair
8 Nancy Smith
9 Blair Parrish
10 Jana Taylor

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

13 Robin Jensen
14 Spencer Packer

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16 **STAFF PRESENT**

17 Robyn Mecham, City Council Liaison
18 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
19 Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
20 Lisa Linn Sommer, Whitaker Museum Director
21 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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23 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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25 Minutes of the January 27, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Nancy Smith made a **motion** to
26 approve the minutes as amended. Blair Parrish seconded the motion, which was passed by
27 unanimous vote (5-0).

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29 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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31 **Davis County Museum Celebrations**

32 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, distributed pins for the Davis County Museum
33 celebration commemorating the 130-year celebration of Utah's statehood and announced that there
34 will be pins for the 250-year American independence celebration. The pins will be available for
35 free at all the museums in Davis County. The Farmington Museum designed the pins and Lisa
36 made the pins. Nancy Smith suggested the pins be advertised in the city newsletter for people to
37 come to the Whitaker Museum to get a pin.

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39 **Women's History Month: 'A Century of Centerville Women 1847 – 1947'**

40 During the past year, Fawn McArthur an intern from Utah State University, has been
41 working on collecting stories of women who lived in Centerville from 1847 to 1947. The Whitaker
42 Museum will open a free exhibit entitled "A Century of Centerville Women" that will run for one
43 month. On March 14th, there will be activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., along with weaving and
44 spinning demonstrations. The Centerville Quilt Guild will be making a quilt, and there will be a
45 candle making One exhibit represents the immigrants from Greece, along with Greek wedding
46 cookies.

1 One of the women featured will be Elizabeth Waddoups who was a midwife and delivered
2 1,000 babies and did not lose one mother. This event will be advertised with banners and on the
3 city website. LDS Relief Societies, DUP Camps in Centerville have been asked to advertise this
4 event, as it coincides with the anniversary of the organization of the LDS Relief Society.
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6 Eva Hancock was born January 19, 1904, and lived on the border of Centerville and
7 Bountiful. A woman purchased her home and discovered papers in the house about Eva. She went
8 to California to help with the Girl Scouts of America, and she advocated mental health programs
9 in Utah. There will be several women who grew up in Centerville at this event. They are Ruth
10 Tingey and her sisters, Carol Pettit Wood, Maurine Carr, Hilda Ford, and Martha Rich and others.
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12 Weber Basin Lecture: March 5th – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

13 This will be a lecture on how to garden during a drought.
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16 Registration for the Community Garden will end on March 15th.
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18 Review Final Calendar of Events for 2026

19 Lisa Linn Sommer distributed a list of events for 2026 at the Museum, along with posters
20 advertising the events. The Indigenous Medicine/Prayer Wheel Hike will be held in August during
21 the evening. Michael Remington from the Trails Committee will lead the hike. The University of Utah
22 came out and looked at the wheel, but they could not determine if it was or was not Indigenous but
23 Medicine/Prayer wheels were spiritual in nature and used by many Nations including the Shoshone
24 and the Pop-Up Museum will be on July 4th at the Community Park and will feature what
25 Centerville was like in 1776.
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27 The Victorian Tea will be on June 6th at the Museum. The cost has been \$20 per person.
28 The possibility of raising tickets to \$25 will be discussed at a later meeting. Bryce King,
29 Administrative Services Director, suggested trying to get sponsors to help with this event.
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31 The Heritage Faire will be on September 3rd and will feature military reenactments. Earl
32 Tingey provided the cantaloupe for this activity last year, and he said he would like to do it again
33 this year.
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35 Treason After Dark will be on October 23rd at the Museum. It is an activity of escaping the
36 British before you are caught. Reservations are required and the cost is \$15 per group, reservations
37 are required.
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39 The museum's Pioneer Christmas will go Revolutionary in celebration of America 250,
40 Santa's First American Christmas will be December 1, 3, 8, and 10th from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ross
41 Smedley will be Santa Claus. Bryce King asked if Mr. Smedley has had a background check, as
42 required by Utah State Law. Lisa said she did not know but would verify if he has.
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1 Lisa Linn Sommer asked Haley to display the new map of the cemetery on the monitor so
2 the WMB could see its improvements. The new map shows individual graves and where the
3 graves of all the veterans are buried. with the addition of a V and an American flag.

4 Robyn Mecham, City Council Liaison, reported there is a State Law in place that people
5 cannot sell cemetery plots to other people. The plots must go back to the city, because people
6 would buy up the plots and then sell them at a higher cost later. This protects people from price
7 gouging.

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9 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director, said the city has applied for a \$250,000
10 grant to have all of the in-house records, and historical records, digitized.

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12 **BOARD REPORTS**

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14 Bryce King and Robyn Mecham thanked the Whitaker Museum Board for the work they
15 do for the Museum. Lisa Linn Sommer thanked Haley Turner and Bryce King for their work on
16 the new city webpage. The Whitaker Museum Board viewed the new city webpage.

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18 **NEXT MEETING**

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20 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2026, at
21 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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23 **ADJOURN**

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25 At 6:10 p.m., Nancy Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Blair Parrish
26 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote 5-0).

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Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

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Date Approved

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Connie Larson, Recording Secretary