

Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Brown
Alyson Childs
Robin Jensen
Jim Morgan, Chair
Nancy Smith
Jana Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Spencer Packer

STAFF PRESENT

Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison
Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder, was excused at 5:20 p.m.
Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETING ACT TRAINING

Jennifer Robison, City Recorder, conducted the Open and Public Meeting Act Training. This is required each year for all city employees, board and committee members.

At 5:20 p.m., Jennifer Robison was excused from the meeting.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the October 22, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Nancy Smith made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Jana Taylor seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

Minutes of the November 26, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Bob Brown made a **motion** to approve the minutes as amended. Nancy Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

APPOINT CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR FOR 2025

Nancy Smith made a **motion** to nominate Jim Morgan as chair of the Whitaker Museum Board for the year 2025. Robin Jensen seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

Nancy Smith made a **motion** to nominate Robin Jensen as vice-chair of the Whitaker Museum Board for the year 2025. Bob Brown seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

THANK-YOU LETTERS SIGNED

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, distributed thank-you letters for Board members to sign for volunteers, docents, and donors to the Whitaker Museum during 2024 fiscal year.

REPORT OF VIRTUAL TOUR COMPLETION

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the Virtual Tour is ready and the changes requested by board members have been completed. At Bryce Kings approval, VR Wizard will be notified that the tour is ready for publications. VR Wizard will house and monitor the museum virtual tour, its attendance and technical care for an annual fee of \$100.

REPORT ON WEB ACCESS TO LECTURE ARCHIVES

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, and Haley Turner, Community Services Manager, met with Mike Smith to discuss accessibility of the historical lectures housed in the archives at the Museum, more web accessible. Lisa is planning to meet with the State Humanities staff on how they house and share their recorded history lectures and story archives. Mike Smith purchased a new hard drive, it will hold all the lectures recorded with the museum's Keeping Our Stories Alive program since 2013 and it will be stored in the archive room of the Museum. Historical records of lectures going back to the 1970's are stored in the museum archive room on VHS's, CD's and cassette tapes. These recordings need to be digitized and stored on the hard drive. The plan is to make these recordings available for public access. For this to happen, they need to be digitized. Robin Jensen, Vice Chair, and historian said that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints history department would make digital copies of VHS, cassettes, CD's free of charge if it is a topic of interest to the church and they are allowed to keep a copy. Robin has been asked to view the topics and see if this is an option. Utah State Archives will keep all donations, Lisa will contact them to see if they offer the service of digitizing and housing records for public access.

CALENDAR OF MUSEUM EVENTS FOR 2025

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, said she will have the calendar of Museum events finalized by February 3rd. Museum events for 2025 are:

January

Planning events for the year 2025 and grant application cycle begins. CLG Grant submittal requirements are the same as last cycle. The state SHPO office requested that the museum resubmit the application due to the fact that the last cycle focused on rural areas of Utah for their grant rewards. There are three projects needing attention: Bay window on the south side of the building is rotting and the frame needs to be rebuilt and reinstalled. The east stone wall in the basement is experiencing water seepage and needs to be sealed using State SHPO approved materials, both external and internal walls. The foundation will be exposed from the outside with a shovel, as a backhoe could damage the wall and the garden. The attic needs to be insulated to keep the temperature constant, allowing storage of museum items in the attic, books, pamphlets, event supplies, etc. The grant that will be applied for is offered by the State. It is a \$20,000 grant with \$10,000 matching, and the RAP Tax covers the museum's match. February 14th is the deadline to submit the grant.

February

Registration for the garden plots begins.

March

There will be a Garden Presentation and speaker, and the Tree Board would like to help with this event. They would like to give instructions on tree pruning and how to grow berries.

Lisa Linn Sommer would like to collect stories of Centerville women who made a difference in the State and Country. This would be advertised to the public, and citizens can submit their stories to Lisa.

April

Victorian Tea Party registration begins. The gardens will be tilled when the irrigation water is turned on. Davis County Museums are collaborating to do the Itty-Bitty Scavenger Hunt.

May

School tours will be held every Tuesday during May.

June

Victorian Tea Party will be held June 7th. There will be 125 seats for this event. and Aunt Hannah's Trunk activity will be for young children for two weeks in June. B. H. Roberts Exhibit will be at the Museum from June to October.

July

The Parade with pop-up museum was successful last year and will be done again this year. Wooden nickels and yo-yo's will also be at this activity.

September

The Heritage Festival will be held in September this year instead of July because of the heat.

October

The Fall Festival will be held in partnership with the rec department and youth council and two Cemetery Tours will be conducted.

December

Pioneer Christmas at the Museum in December. First two Tuesdays and Thursdays reservations required

T. C. Christensen would like to give a presentation, the date is to be determined.

Haley Turner, Community Services Manager, said the Parks and Recreation Department will be doing Concerts in the Park this summer, and they would like to do an Open Mic Event on August 1st.

Other Events

All the museums in Davis County are planning to do an exhibit of the Bamberger Train that went from Salt Lake City through Davis County, but not all the museums are ready at this time, this will be revisited next year. There has been a lot of interest in historic buildings and homes in Centerville. In May there will be a Walking Tour of historic buildings, and Lisa will be making banners to post in front of and showcase historic homes and businesses throughout Centerville

Lisa talked about offering a Lecture/Book Review Night and having experts on certain topics discuss events from the past. Robin Jensen could talk about when federal laws outlawed polygamy in the 1880's, and when LDS Church leaders went underground to avoid being arrested. There were three homes in Centerville that were safe houses for the leaders to hide. There could possibly be three or four gatherings, topics would be gathered from Utah Quarterly and each meeting would be led by an expert on the chosen topic. More discussion will come in a future board meeting.

Lisa discussed the hike that was held last April to the petroglyphs that was well attended despite the rain. She will contact the Trails Committee to see if they would like to cohost and lead a hike again this year to the Medicine Wheel, date to be set later

BOARD EVENTS

Bob Brown

Bob displayed the beautiful print he gifted to the Whitaker Museum of a painting of the Utah Pioneer Trail to the Salt Lake Valley. This painting shows the various places and stops the pioneers traveled on their way to the Salt Lake Valley. The original painting was made by Orson Pratt.

Robin Jensen

Bryce King recently asked Lisa Linn Sommers to verify the year Centerville was settled.

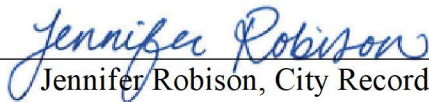
Robin Jensen gave a brief history of the settling of Bountiful, Farmington and Centerville. In 1847 and 1848, the pioneers brought their cattle to Centerville to feed, but none of the people built permanent residences at that time, as they lived in covered wagons. Farmington, Bountiful, and Centerville have been given different dates on when they were established. The problem is in 1847 and 1848, the pioneers did not keep good records. It is believed Thomas Grover was the first Centerville resident. The final reference to this question was stated in, 'History of Utah', Howe Bancroft published in 1890, pg 305 "In the of 1847 one Thomas Grover arrived with his family on the bank of a stream twelve miles north of Salt Lake City, and now called Centerville.....here Grover, joined by others in the spring, resolved to remain...

NEXT MEETING

The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

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


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

04/22/2025

Date Approved

