

June 12th, 2024

Uintah County Heritage Museum, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

1. Welcome
 - a. Attending is Sonja Norton, LeAnn Denzer, Amber Koski, Christine Cooper, Marety Hill, Roxanne Batty, Lana Fullbright, and Alycia Luke
2. Approval of Minutes from May's board meeting
 - a. Motion to approve by Christine Cooper, 2nd by Amber Koski, approved
3. Board member terms/ Combining with the Preservation Board - thoughts and opinions.
 - a. Lana talks about combining the museum and historic preservation board.
 - b. Commissioner Norton tells about how we can combine them because they are similar in their mission. She has been talking with Jon Stearmer about the legality of it. The Historic Preservation Board has specific requirements. It will be called the Historic Preservation and Heritage Museum Board. It would get both names so one isn't more important than the other. It is a 7-person board. She is hoping some of the current museum board members apply to be on the new board. The preservation board is a governing board on that end of things. Term expired for several of the museum board members, and we haven't put out applications since then because we are combining.
 - c. Lana asked if community development would be over this board. Commissioner Norton says they haven't been and discussed with Matt about that. She needs to look at her notes from that conversation. Someone from community development might be able to be on the board.
 - d. The library board terms are up. There are 2 applications in for 3 vacancies. Applications (for all boards) need to be redone if they haven't been reviewed for several months.
 - e. If anyone on our board wants to be on the new board they can apply and their terms will begin fresh.
 - f. We could look at the folks who are already on the preservation board and keep their terms as is so that there is a staggering effect for those coming on from the museum board.
 - g. We're just trying to get applications so we can get things rolling.
 - h. Terms could be 2, 2.5 or 1.5 years. If you're interested in applying then yes, you need to fill out an application.
 - i. The apps are under commissioner on the county website. Alycia will email the link.
4. Deaccession plans - Ratify the thresher

- a. Last month we were told about the thresher, but we forgot to vote on it.
 - b. The thresher was donated by the George Long family and sat outside the USU extension office. We looked for a place to give it. We called several museums and couldn't find anyone that wanted it so we gave it back to the family.
 - c. Motion by Christine, second by Roxanne. Approved.
- 5. NAGPRA Update
 - a. We have 5 items that are not necessarily NAGPRA but are ceremonial. We need to remove them from display. So far Judson and Cassandra cannot tell us that anything is NAGPRA related. We don't have any funerary objects. We just have ceremonial and religious items.
 - b. That may change since they are doing site visits. As of now, we don't think we have anything.
 - c. We have to connect the items to their sites.
- 6. Updates on exhibits and displays -
 - a. Marety: The history center just received a donation of a scrapbook about the Doughboy and she will be going through that to see if anything will be relevant to the either the Doughboy or the WWI exhibit.
 - b. She also found a story from a POW camp that is appropriate to use in an exhibit. Now she just needs to find/ verify the source.
 - c. Alycia: The horse exhibit will be installed Wednesday and next Tuesday. We started by wanting to tell Tex Davis' story, and it evolved into bringing in more horse trainers, talking about essential uses of the horse, and entertainment in the community.
 - d. Lana: The Bronc Rider exhibit will be installed soon as well. It is printed. There is a case over at the conference center. Lana started out by talking about the rodeo in general and then honed in on the Bronc Rider topic. Earl Bascom, who is from Vernal, invented the modern-day saddle. On display will be the saddle, rope, spurs, and glove. We need to schedule with the conference center to install the exhibit... probably early in the morning.
- 7. Staff reports
 - a. We have 2 new staff members, Malory and Mariah, starting today.
- 8. Board member reports -
 - a. Amber: National Public Lands day is coming up. Grant applications are open. You can have several activities or one activity. Included with the grant is a stipend of \$2000, park passes, t-shirts etc. We could do historic tours, rock-art panel drawings, Nine-mile litter cleanup, site preservation discussion, have a discussion about

picking up archeological objects/items, and discuss the difference between the different public lands.

- b. How can kids get involved in archaeology? Opportunities with local archaeologists? Get a hold of them and ask.
 - c. Amber wants to bust out 5 mini descriptions of things we can do. With the 5 have different age groups in mind. Tie in volunteers with programming.
 - d. We might have someone who wants to come and do 3D imaging and with that, we could 3D print.
 - e. Are our interactive things back out? Yes, we are getting the morse code and the magneto fixed. Interactives are so good for kids... and adults.
 - f. Are we tied in with Carbon or Daggett County? We know the folks and work with them somewhat, but we don't work closely with them a lot. There are opportunities where we could grow an event.
 - g. Nine-mile canyon has had a gate placed. Carbon County has talked about closing their side. Since that is the case Amber wants to have an activity there.
 - h. We have lots of time to do mini-projects. Once we're in the database we can be set to go. Next month talk about and follow up with projects for Public Lands Day. Amber will write up her mini descriptions and get them to Alycia. We can get the library involved with us too and build capacity. Amber will send us information from the NEEF website. What county is Jones Hole in? The address says Vernal, so Uintah County.
9. Gift shop discussion
- a. Jamee is doing a great job. Sales are up for the year, and down for the month. Visitation is doing good. We are getting quite a few Europeans coming in these days.
 - b. Commissioner Norton is asking if we have anything we can hand out to people. We have our flyers. We have done our 10% off coupons before, and need to do some again.
 - c. Is the pink dinosaur's tail back on? Not yet. The tail is ready though. People don't miss the tail if they don't know the tail is there. People have been taking pictures inside of Dinah. How are the sales of little pink Dinah? Just normal.
 - d. Commissioner Norton: Main Street America was here yesterday and gave some ideas to Vernal City
 - e. The museum was listed as the #1 hidden thing to do in Uintah County.
 - f. The plan (Vernal City's plan) is to get rid of our storage. Lana says that it is probably a phase 3 thing and we're in phase 2. We still need

to keep that in mind. Commissioner Norton says we should think about an expansion.

- g. Talked about the handicap parking and how it's all turned around. The county is looking to redo the parking lot and Commissioner Norton says it will not be until at least next year. She says she wants the front of the building to be ADA-accessible and they'll be getting rid of the trees and such.
 - h. We want to expand, probably East. We were supposed to get a museum over by the Field House, and that didn't happen.
 - i. We always think big... if we want \$50,000 we ask for \$100,000.
 - j. We are trying to deaccession things we don't need, it costs money to store them.
 - k. Christine asked what to do with textiles that she thinks we should deaccession. Is there somewhere she could put them? We will appropriate a rolling rack from the library that is used for the prom dress drive.
 - l. How did the prom dress drive go? It went well, they usually do it over spring break... which isn't the best.
10. Set the next meeting date
- a. July 10th, 2024 at 10:00 am.
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