

July 10th, 2024

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

1. Welcome: In attendance: LeeAnn Denzer, Lana Fullbright, Alycia Luke, Sonja Norton, Karen England, Karina Valencia, Christine Cooper
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Christine needs a moment to look over the minutes, will do minute approval later in the meeting.
3. Combining with the Preservation Board
 - a. We are keeping in contact with SHPO to make sure that we are following the guidelines.
 - b. The ordinance was passed in the commission meeting yesterday 7/9/24. The bylaws will be created/ merged in the first meeting in September.
 - c. It won't be an advisory board. Historic Preservation is not an advisory board from what we understand. The commissioners are talking with legal about how to word it so that it's not a governing board over the museum.
 - d. Lana got with Utah Humanities and Utah Arts and Museums to make sure that combining boards would not interfere with applying for grants. So far so good, since we aren't a state entity. Since we are with the county we are okay. Legislation just passed that there is a limit to how much a county can receive from the state in a year. It will make it a little harder since the county's different entities apply for grants from the state.
 - e. We need 3 slots filled for the board, and have 2 applications submitted. The board will have 6 members. Historic Preservation requires that 2 board members be professionals in fields related to historic preservation.
 - f. The 2 applications that have been submitted are from Christine and LeeAnn.
4. Deaccession plans
 - a. Objects going to the DUP
 - i. Salt Lake Temple replica used in parades, dances, weddings etc.
 - ii. Latex Molds taken from the 1st ward chapel, which is where the hospital is now. It is a depiction of the Woman at the Well.
 - b. Asking each department to clean out storage rooms

- i. We have the room upstairs for our art and the history center storage.
- ii. We are adding art upstairs, it needs to be in a temp and humidity controlled room.
- iii. We have our dirty storage room where things are cleaned and processed.
- iv. The bay needs a lot of work. It is better than nothing, but not temp controlled. Part of Lana's goal is to have that done by the time she retires. We have a new list ready to be deaccessioned. The bathroom over in the bay is where we put things to be deaccessioned since there isn't any water that goes over there.
- v. They asked us to move everything from Western Park all at once. They told us we could take our time and then told us we needed to be out by Friday.
- vi. Talking about adding on to the museum to the East. The city wants to get rid of the bay storage.
- vii. Museum standard is that only $\frac{1}{4}$ of the museum space is for exhibit and $\frac{3}{4}$ is for storage space.
- viii. Talked about getting rid of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the objects we have in storage, discussed the ridiculous amount of cameras we have, typewriters, fruit jars, kitchenware, chairs,
- ix. When Lana has extra help we can spend more time out in off-site storage and go through things. After the busy season she will be spending more time out
- c. Objects going to DUP revisited
 - i. We have a quorum, let's vote
 - ii. Motion to deaccession by Christine and seconded by Commissioner Norton. Approved.
- d. Christine will be working on some textiles as she's going through them. We have several that are quite damaged and we will be deaccessioning those as well in the future. Lana has already started a group of objects out in the bay to deaccession.

5. NAGPRA Update

- a. Judson and Cassandra are here doing site visits July 8 - 17.
 - i. So far no funerary objects, but a few ceremonial objects.

- ii. We have had plenty of time to take care of our NAGPRA things. The timeline has now been accelerated.
- iii. We already took care of the human remains that we had.
- iv. We are trying to do our due diligence in getting all of our stuff identified and make sure that we're not violating NAGPRA regulations, and we're taking care of everything.

6. Updates on exhibits and displays

- a. How are the WWI exhibit and the Doughboy exhibit coming?
 - i. Marety is working well on the exhibit. She and Alycia discussed formatting the signage and progress is being made.
 - ii. We will also have the remains of the time capsule and a medal as part of the exhibit.
 - iii. There is another time capsule here on Uintah County property. It is where the pond used to be. There is a plaque on a rock and it is under that rock. Lana doesn't remember when it got put in, it's been in more than 25 years. She doesn't know if it's been said when to open it.
- b. Report on Horse Exhibit
 - i. The exhibit is up and really cool. LeeAnn asked if we are going to be doing any programming specifically related to that exhibit. We will be using it for Museum Kids and school tours. Alycia would like to contact one of the horse trainers and let him know he's in the exhibit and see if he wants to be involved in a program here with us. We would like to do an open house as well.

7. Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Trail

- a. Information attached in the notice
 - i. Lana will be meeting the folks at Chicken Creek in Strawberry.
 - ii. They are going to mark the trail along the way. They would like to put in a plaque here. They will be going through Helper and Price in August and/ or the first part of September. There will be a plaque in 9 mile.
 - iii. Alycia read the letter about the plaque, it will be attached to the notice.
 - iv. Proposal to the board to put in a plaque.

8. Staff reports

- a. Lana has been taking Malory to the bay a few times a week. She loves the data input and the collections. She loves the research.
 - b. Mariah is a sweetheart and does whatever she is asked, she has been working on our research library. She is getting it organized for us to be able to find things.
- 9. Outlaw Trail Theater would like to use the surrey at the conference center for their production of "Oklahoma".
 - a. We didn't know who gave us the surrey, there is no record. We know it was given to the museum. Lana put in a GRAMA request with Tai to see if it was purchased.
 - b. The conference center has it because they have more storage space. They also use it sometimes. We would like to give it to the conference center so they can use it for public purposes, and have more leeway to do more things with it.
 - c. Christine wanted to know if the surrey we have on exhibit in the museum has provenance and if it is the better of the two surreys. The answer to both is yes. The one at the conference center has been restored and there are some missing parts to haul it around with a horse. Ours is complete and original.
 - d. Motion by Commissioner Norton to transfer the surrey that is being stored at the conference center to the ownership of the conference center. Seconded by Christine. Approved.
- 10. Do we need a motion on the Buffalo Soldier's Plaque? Probably.
 - a. Christine made a motion to allow a Buffalo Soldier's Plaque to be installed next to the museum. Commissioner Norton seconded the motion. Approved.
- 11. Let's go back and approve the minutes. Has everyone been able to look over them?
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes, Christine. Seconded by Commissioner Norton. Approved.
- 12. Board member reports
 - a. Follow up with Amber about the Public Lands Day Events
 - b. Alycia will be working on a display for the gallery area in September. We plan on doing 2 or 3 events.
 - c. The theme is Together for Tomorrow.

- i. Compile some of the rules for public lands ie removal of objects/ things/ plants, leave things where they are, it depends on the land.
 - ii. Maybe bring in the trail crew to state the importance of using a trail/ path and why....
 - iii. Leave old trash, can pick up new trash.
 - iv. Leave it the way you found it.
 - v. Woodsy the Owl and Smokey Bear
- 13. How are you doing on Saturdays during Farmer's Market? We are quite busy. There is a lot going on.
 - a. We are open until 6:00 for the summer and back to 5:00 in the winter. We kept good records to see what holidays are viable to stay open. We heard "Why aren't you open on holidays?", but people aren't coming in on those days. So now we close for the majority of our holidays. We stay open for Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Labor Day.
 - b. Tourism is down.
 - c. Our building is warmer than the other county buildings.
- 14. Gift shop discussion
 - a. The gift shop is doing great, and Jamee is doing great.
 - b. All the John Wesley Powell Books have been sold to Jon Stearmer for the cast of the John Wesley Powell play.
 - c. There were mixed reviews for the play. If you knew the history, it was okay, if you didn't people could have been lost.
- 15. Public comment (Groups must designate one spokesperson and are limited to three minutes each unless additional time is granted by the meeting chairperson)
- 16. Set the next meeting date - We don't see anything coming up between now and then, so no meeting date... September is the next one as a combined board.
- 17. Adjourn