

Minutes of the Historic Preservation and Heritage Museum Special Board Meeting held Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Uintah County Heritage Museum, located at 155 E Main St, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome - Attending today: LeeAnn Denzer, Amber Koski, Stephanie Tippetts, Karina Valencia, Karen England, Jamee Percival, Christine Cooper, and Lana Fullbright
2. Approval of January 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Stephanie Tippetts motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Amber Koski. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Amber Koski mentions that they have the opportunity to submit a CLG Grant, and they have chosen the Episcopal Church as the area of which they plan to utilize the grant.
 - a. The board reviews the grant application.
 - b. Amber explains that this will be a multi-year project beginning with pre-development. They plan to get assessments of both the church and the building next to it, which is the old hospital.
 - c. Stephanie motions to approve the grant application, which Christine Cooper seconds.
4. Jamee Percival proposed a name change for Uintah County Heritage Museum to Museum of Uintah County.
 - a. The museum is losing the current website domain in April of 2027, with the website being on all marketing materials, the museum wants to begin this process as soon as possible to drive guests from the current website to the new website.
 - b. The new name is proposed to drive traffic and further sales to the museum.
 - c. LeeAnn Denzer mentions new signage and revitalization of the museum
 - d. Lana Fullbright mentions that the main concern right now is just getting the name updated for the website so we don't end up with the situation of losing the entire website and having to start from scratch the way that the Regional History Center did.
 - e. LeeAnn Denzer asked where the website will be created and if things can be transferred from the current website.

- i. Jamee Percival replies that they plan to go through WordPress instead of Weebly and that WordPress offers domains at a lower cost than sites like GoDaddy.
- f. LeeAnn mentions creating a page on the website for the board.
- g. Stephanie motions to give the museum the opportunity to change its website and name, which is seconded by Amber Koski. The motion is approved unanimously.
- 5. Karen England mentions that in the future there are plans of rebranding the Regional History Center as well. The plan is for the name to be updated to Uinta Basin Archive Center.
- 6. Karen England mentions that there is a plot of land owned by the county next to the Field House and that we would like that plot of land to be a new building for the museum and archives center.
 - a. Lana Fullbright mentions that the museum was slated to go there before moving to the current building.
 - b. LeeAnn Denzer mentions that the best museum practice is to have two thirds storage.
 - c. Lana Fullbright mentions that the plan is to have this be a fifty-year plan and that the plan is to have some empty space in storage with plans to fill it over the fifty years.
- 7. Date for the next meeting is mentioned to be April 7th, 2025.
- 8. Meeting Adjourned.