

Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, April 22, 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
Jim Morgan, Chair
Spencer Packer
Nancy Smith
Jana Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robin Jensen

STAFF PRESENT

Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT

Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the January 28, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Nancy Smith made a **motion** to approve the minutes as amended. Alyson Childs seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

DIRECTOR REPORT

FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MUSEUM EVENTS FOR 2025

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, distributed the Whitaker Museum Events Calendar for 2025.

April

The lecture with T.C. Christensen on April 10th went very well. Mr. Christensen talked about the new film he is making that will be coming out soon. His son, Tanner Christensen, talked about the movie he is making on Ben Kjar from Centerville, who was a wrestler for Viewmont High School and became Utah Valley University's first-ever NCAA Division 1 Wrestling All-American and has represented the USA team internationally. Ben was born with Crouzons syndrome. Ben Kjar's skull did not form properly after he was born, and the movie is about his life. This movie will be out in the fall.

The Itty-Bitty Scavenger Hunt is taking place during the entire month of April. Lisa Linn Sommer distributed copies of the clue sheets that are used for the scavenger hunt that are of a historical nature. There will also be a scavenger hunt throughout Centerville, that will be outside that people can do by walking or driving.

The Victorian Tea Party is on June 7th at the Whitaker Museum and registration has begun. Registration is online and the capacity is for 125 guests.

May

School field trips will be held in May.

May 6th: 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. at the Museum.

May 13th: Hammer & Nail Contest and stick pull contest, crafts and spinning demonstration.

May 15: History Walking Tour. There will be a self-guided map on the city website, and this will also be advertised on social media. The guided tour will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will start at the church well located at 200 East and 200 South.

June

Jana Taylor will be doing Aunt Hannah's Trunk on June 10th, 12th, 17th, and 19th at the Museum. This will be for children ages four and five. Registration is required, eight camper limit and the cost is \$10.00 per class.

B. H. Roberts Exhibit will be at the Whitaker Museum from June 27th through August 28. Local historic building has been used in films, Ron Randall's gas station was used, recently for the filming of Princess for a Day, and Mr. Randall was in the movie.

July

Pop-Up Museum will be on July 5th, and will feature a pioneer craft for children, a Teepee and Mountain Man and introduction of the Centerville Women's History Collection. This collection will be featured in an exhibit next March, Women's History month,

August

Open Mic will be on August 1st to coincide with Movies in the Park.

Date Night will be on August 14th at 7:00 p.m. with instruction by artist Nancy Olsen.

September

Flash Back Heritage Fair/Cantaloupe Days will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday 11th. During the depression years, farmers would grow cantaloupe and then share their excess. There will be cantaloupe at the fair with ice cream and games.

October

Cemetery Tours will be on October 9th in the evening, and November 11th during the day. The focus of the tour will be on people who were alive from 1900 to the 1920's.

November

Whitaker After Dark will be on November 6th. It will have a connection to Queen Elizabeth.

December

Pioneer Christmas will be December 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th.

REVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Lisa Linn Sommer discussed capital improvements for the Whitaker Museum FY2026 and beyond. The City Council had their budget retreat, but approval has not been given yet on budget requests.

MARCH NEWSLETTER

The March newsletter was online, and Haley Turner displayed the newsletter on the screen for the Board to view.

REVIEW MARCH/APRIL EVENTS

Lisa Linn Sommer reported visitors came from Chicago and New Jersey recently visited the Whitaker Museum. They also visited the parks and cemetery and enjoyed lunch or dinner at our local restaurants

The Hope Box Theatre in Kaysville performs plays, and they choose a family in the community who is going through cancer. The proceeds from the show go to help the family. This past month they performed Fiddler on the Roof, and the scenes advertising the production were filmed at the Whitaker Museum.

REPORT ON CENTERVILLE VETERANS ARCHIVE PROJECT

Lisa Linn Sommer reported Shauna Knighton is doing a project where each veteran in Davis County is remembered and the location of their grave is recorded. Centerville veterans will be honored in September.

SHOW INSTALLED VR VIRTUAL TOUR ON THE MUSEUM LINK OF THE CENTERVILLE CITY WEBSITE

The Board viewed the Virtual Tour of the Whitaker Museum that is now on the city website. There have been 82 visits to this site so far, and Lisa Linn Sommer was able to organize the audio on the items highlighted in the Museum with help from Centerville City's IT Mike Smith and local artist, Tara Boss. VR Wizards did the pictures for the tour, and Grant Nielsen did the narration for the outside of the Museum.

BOARD REPORTS

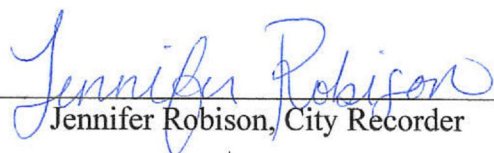
1 Spencer Packer asked about the proposed Master Plan and how it affects the Whitaker
2 Museum. Nancy Smith explained the Whitaker Museum implemented a three to five-to-ten-year
3 Master Plan around 2010. Also, the city did a city campus plan in 1994, and adopted it into the
4 ordinance. This shows a museum and an outdoor gazebo. Recognizing the need for more exhibit
5 and event space, this was done without the Museum's Board knowledge. Since then, the City
6 Council has been receptive to the ideas of the possibility of a barn. The Master Plan is now being
7 reviewed and updated by the current City Council. Spencer Packer said the new city website looks
8 much better.

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10 **NEXT MEETING**

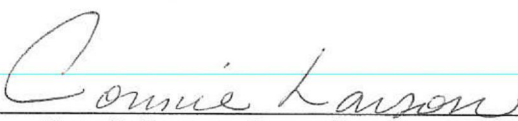
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12 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 5:00
13 p.m. at City Hall.

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15 **ADJOURN**

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17 At 5:45 p.m., Spencer Packer made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Bob Brown seconded
18 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

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