

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at
2 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Bob Brown
6 Alyson Childs
7 Robin Jensen
8 Jim Morgan, Chair

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Spencer Packer
12 Nancy Smith
13 Jana Taylor

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
17 Lisa Linn Sommer, Whitaker Museum Director
18 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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20 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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22 Minutes of the April 22, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Bob Brown made a **motion** to
23 approve the minutes as amended. Alyson Childs seconded the motion, which was passed by
24 unanimous vote (4-0).

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26 **DIRECTOR REPORT**

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28 **Review May Events**

29 The May Walking Tour was held two weeks ago, and was very successful. Most of the
30 people who attended the tour were people whose homes are going to be on the Guided Home Tour.
31 There were banners placed in front of the homes that had pictures of the original owners, and how
32 the homes looked originally and a short biography. A retirement home in Bountiful brought some
33 of their residents to the tour. Bryce King, Administrative Services Director, suggested targeting
34 retirement homes for future tours.

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36 **School Field Trips**

37 Taylor Elementary and Centerville Elementary school children participated in the school
38 fieldtrip to the Museum, where pioneer games, crafts and activities were offered in the yard, and
39 they were well behaved. Bryce King said the State recently passed a bill that requires adults who
40 work with children to do a 20-minute child protection video training course. This means those
41 people who work at the Museum will be required to do this training course.

1 Update on Tea/Request Help for Event

2 The Victorian Tea will be held on June 7th at the Museum. The Parks Department will bring
3 the tents, tables, and rented chairs will be delivered on the evening of June 6th at 7:00 p.m., and
4 will help set up them up. The Victorian Tea will start at 11:00 a.m. on June 7th. There are 12
5 members of the Youth City Council that will be helping at this event. Whitaker Museum Board
6 members were asked to help take down the tables, chairs, and tents at 1:00 p.m. after the Tea. Tents
7 will be placed in the city truck to return to the Parks Building. The round tables will be returned
8 to City Hall.

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10 Update on Reservations for Aunt Hannah's Trunk, Pee Wee Pioneer Day Camp

11 Aunt Hannah's Trunk, Pee Wee Pioneer Day Camp is almost full. Bryce King suggested
12 having Aunt Hannah be part of a future City Council meeting.

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14 B.H. Roberts Exhibit

15 The B.H. Roberts Exhibit will be at the Whitaker Museum from June 25th to August 25th in
16 the Gathering Room. The exhibit will tell the stories of his life, wives, and children.

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18 Pop-up Museum Event July 5th at the Community Park

19 The July 5th Freedom Celebration will have the Pop-up Museum, and there will be crafts
20 for children. There will be an advertisement for the Centerville Women's Event Collection for the
21 March 2026 Exhibit to be held at the Museum.

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23 Report of Flash Back Cantaloupe Days Update for September

24 Heritage Days was started during the 1930's to help people who were struggling during the
25 Great Depression. Farmers would grow cantaloupe for this event and it would be served with ice
26 cream. Earl Tingey, a life-long resident of Centerville, still grows produce on property located next
27 to Ace Hardware, Pages Lane. Mr. Tingey said he is going to grow cantaloupe for Cantaloupe
28 Days. Bryce King suggested interviewing and filming Mr. Tingey on his tractor, and showing
29 parts of the interview as advertisement for Cantaloupe Days. Haley Turner, Community Services
30 Manager, will be asked to help with the filming.

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32 LDS Missionaries Volunteers

33 Lisa Sommer reported she was told by the new LDS Mission President in the area that the
34 Whitaker Museum can only use the LDS Missionaries at the Museum three times a year.

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36 Report on the CLG Grant Applications Process

37 Lisa Sommer reported all CLG Grants are on hold at this time. The reason is unknown.
38 Bryce King reported lobbyists from Washington D.C. toured various sites in Centerville last week.
39 Water, conservation, and the police are their main focus, but they are working on other things too.
40 Federal grants are starting to slow down. The RAP Tax will be on the November ballot.

1 **MISCELLANEOUS**

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3 Next year is the 250-year celebration for American independence. Bob Brown displayed a
4 small guide of the map that was made by Parley P. Pratt. Mr. Brown was able to purchase the
5 guide.

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7 Robin Jensen explained the LDS Church will digitize records if they have LDS Church
8 history in them. Some of the records do not touch on LDS Church history, so they will not digitize
9 them. Mr. Jensen said he will talk with other digitizing companies and get bids on what they would
10 charge. Bryce King said Layton City was able to get a grant to have their records digitized.

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12 Bryce King discussed how to get more people engaged at the Whitaker Museum. Lisa
13 Sommer said there are two to four Activity Day's Groups per month, and one to five walk-ins on
14 Tuesday's and Thursday's. There is one DUP group every three months. There were 89 visits on
15 the Outside Audio Tour from January to March this year. Young Men and Young Women tour
16 groups could be reached out to attend. Scout groups could be invited. More advertising needs to
17 be done on exhibits, such as art, collections, etc., and then people will see what other things the
18 Museum has to offer.

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20 Robin Jensen suggested exhibits on businesses in Centerville and how they got started.
21 Elderly residents could be interviewed on what it was like growing up in Centerville. The
22 Scavenger Hunt at the Whitaker was very popular, and it will be continued through the summer.

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24 Bryce King expressed appreciation to the Whitaker Museum Board for their work and
25 service.

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27 **NEXT MEETING**

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29 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 5:00
30 p.m. at City Hall.

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32 **ADJOURN**

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34 At 5:50 p.m., Robin Jensen made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Alyson Childs seconded
35 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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37 Jennifer Robison
38 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

7-1-2025

Date Approved

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42 Connie Larson
43 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

