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MINUTES OF THE HYRUM CITY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING **OCTOBER 13, 2020** AT THE MUSEUM BOARD ROOM 50 WEST MAIN STREET, HYRUM, UTAH

CONVENED: 6:13 pm

ROLL CALL, CALL TO ORDER, and WELCOME: Chairman Downs welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Kingsbury (virtually), Steve Downs, John Petersen, Elisabeth Cropper, Leisha Kunz, Craig Rasmussen, Curtis Parkinson, Jami Van Huss, Linda Christiansen, and Patt Hansen.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Curtis motioned to approve the September 15, 2020 minutes, Linda seconded, all voted aye, and the minutes were approved unanimously as written.

BUSINESS:

1. Curator Update

Jami had a meeting with Ron and the Mayor last week to follow-up with the curator job description she submitted. They were happy with the job description but they weren't happy with the salary. The city is concerned with how the salary compares to other city employees and also with public perception of the museum having multiple workers being paid a professional wage. Additionally, the city is comparing the museum with the library and senior center—where people outside of Hyrum pay to use these other two services, but non-Hyrum taxpayers are not required to pay to utilize the museum's resources. Jami addressed their concerns *and* demonstrated that the wage is sustainable. Accordingly, Ron and the Mayor asked Jami to make a presentation to the City Council at their meeting this Thursday at 6:30 to advocate for the new curator to be considered and paid as a professional. In order to keep the hiring process moving along, the position has been posted without a salary listed and we have commenced receiving resumes.

2. Veteran Interviews

Jami sent all board members a sign-up sheet with potential appointment times for veteran interviews and asked everyone to reach out to their friends and neighbors. All times are while the museum is closed so that most risks can be mitigated. After Craig asked what questions people can expect to answer, Elisabeth provided a list. This is a great way for them to prepare for the interview. Jami clarified that not all of the questions would be asked due to time restraints (interviews should typically last 45--60 minutes). Plus, since interviews are recorded both by audio and video, veterans can bring pictures and any memorabilia that they would like to show.

3. 2021 Schedule

Jami distributed the proposed 2021 schedule. The intention is to only plan events that can transition to a virtual platform depending on restrictions at that time. For the time being, the museum will continue to be open Tuesday—Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and all Back in Time activities will be offered virtually. In order to drive more intentional attendance on Saturdays, and after speaking to Ron and the Mayor, Jami has decided that next year the museum will only be open on the second Saturday of each month and will offer an activity that day. Activities we already host will be moved to these dates and the topics of many will be determined to coincide with larger regional or statewide events. For instance, May's activity will be included with Utah's Archeology and Historical Preservation Month. Also, since the way we usually plan Hot Wheels and Hot Dogs doesn't work calendar-wise (considering Memorial Day and when school ends), it will be moved to the second Saturday in June. Also, we will open our Smithsonian Exhibition, *H2O Today* as August's Second Saturday. One date Jami wanted everyone to note is the **Awards Dinner and Board Training** on **January 30**. She asked board members to let her know ASAP if this date does not work for them. John motioned to approve the 2021 Schedule, Craig seconded, all voted aye, and the schedule was approved unanimously.

4. Board Member Terms

At the end of 2020 John, Patt, Kathy, and Leisha's terms are ending. Jami requested that each of those board members let her know privately prior to the next meeting if they intend to renew or cycle off the board. Craig took a minute to express his sincere gratitude for the board members.

5. Other Reports from Board Members

Today is John's birthday!!!

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

Dates to Note:

November 10	Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, at the museum with online option
November 13	Friday Family Movie @ Elite Hall, <i>Trolls World Tour</i>
November 17	Back in Time, posted at 1:00 pm, <i>Butter Me Up</i>
December 1	Back in Time, posted at 1:00 pm, <i>Super Stars!</i>
December 4	Friday Family Movie @ Elite Hall, <i>Onward</i>
December 8	Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, at the museum with online option

ATTEST:

Steven Downs
Chairman

Jami J. Van Huss
Museum Director

Approved:

As Written: _____