

1 Minutes of the Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
2 in the Business Office Conference Room at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah  
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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Spencer Packer, Chair  
6 Nancy Smith, Vice Chair  
7 Paul Thomas Smith  
8 Laura Toney  
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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Diane Chamberlain  
12 Mel Miles  
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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Stephanie Ivie, City Council Liaison  
16 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director  
17 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary  
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19 **MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE**

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21 Minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. Nancy Smith made a  
22 **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Laura Toney seconded the motion, which was passed  
23 by unanimous vote (4-0).  
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25 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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27 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the Water Department has installed the  
28 sprinkler lines in the main yard, and the new waterlines have been added to accommodate the new  
29 driveway. The bright blue bollard poles can be painted any color. The Board discussed the color  
30 of paint for the poles, and agreed the poles will be black.  
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32 One beehive produced one and one-half gallons of honey, but it is felt more honey could  
33 be produced from this hive if it had more sunlight. The apiarist's home beehive produced six  
34 gallons of honey. The Board discussed whether the bees were getting enough sunlight, and  
35 suggested Lisa visit with the caretakers of the beehives to get their input.  
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37 The flag pole installed in 2000, as an Eagle Scout project, has been removed, but it is not  
38 known if the concrete base can be saved. Lisa feels since City Hall has a large flag pole in front, a  
39 flag pole in front of the Museum would detract from the Museum. The base of the flag pole was  
40 preserved, but it may not be economically feasible to reuse it. If Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation  
41 Director, cannot salvage the base to be used at another location, then photos of the scout's name  
42 will be taken for the historical archives.

43 A retaining wall will be placed on the north side of the garden, so that the soil will not  
44 damage the UTOPIA station. There were 38 guests at the garden barbeque party. The Board  
45 discussed where to place the Storytelling banner for greatest visibility. It was agreed that Lisa  
46 Sommer will ask permission from Steve Thacker for the Storytelling banner to be placed on the  
47 front steps of City Hall.

1 The Zombie Run will be on October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall. The Viewmont Cross  
2 Country Team will be the Zombies, and the Chick-fil-A Cow will be asked to attend. Laura Toney,  
3 Nancy Smith, and Stephanie Ivie will help at the race. The City has changed their on-line  
4 registration format, which links to the Recreation and from there to the Museum, and has been  
5 confusing to some trying to sign up on line. This event will be on the City website, the Museum  
6 websites, Facebook, The Davis Clipper calendar, and running websites.

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8 The Ford Storytelling Night had technical difficulties. The floor plug caused the screen to  
9 flash on and off, and it took 40 minutes to resolve the problem. The next Storytelling event will be  
10 on the Lund Home for Boys on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Robin Jensen, whose father lived in the home, will  
11 be giving the presentation.

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13 Claudia Leal is a student at Westminster College, and she interviewed Lisa Linn Sommer  
14 for her thesis in Museum Interpretation. She was very impressed with the Museum for its  
15 cleanliness, organization, and atmosphere. She said the in-house Historian, Paul Thomas Smith,  
16 was very valuable and a wealth of knowledge.

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18 Staci Neilson would like to do a wedding magazine article. Lisa has approved for her to  
19 take her bridal pictures inside the Museum, but that she must agree to advertise the Museum as a  
20 historical Museum, and the hours it is open for tours. )Photos are only allowed in the Museum yard  
21 exclusively.)

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23 Jane Anderson came to the Museum today, and she is requesting a clock be returned that  
24 she said she loaned to the Museum when Clara Goudy was director at the Museum. There is no  
25 record of the clock being accessioned to the Museum. The clock was located in the attic, and the  
26 Board agreed to return the clock to Jane Anderson.

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28 Chair Packer made a **motion** to return the clock to Jane Anderson with a receipt of return.  
29 Nancy Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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31 Lisa Linn Sommer reported she has emailed the donor for a history of the clothing, (the  
32 equestrian attire), and how it ties to Centerville or Davis County. Lisa displayed paint samples for  
33 the archive room, and it was agreed light/warm colors should be considered for the room, as well  
34 as historic.

### 35 36 **BOARD REPORTS**

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38 Nancy Smith reported she was approached by Jack Dellastatious, who asked about the  
39 historical plaques for the Smith Park. She recommended he talk with the Mayor directly on the  
40 status of the historical plaques, but suggested that the Museum could use some interior plaques if  
41 the Community Foundation was supportive of helping. Jack asked that the Director contact him  
42 soon with the information. Lisa Linn Sommer will talk with Mr. Dellastatious about plaques for  
43 the Museum. Stephanie Ivie, City Council Liaison, reported the City Council would like a full list  
44 of the people who settled Centerville between the years of 1847 and 1900. Historian, Paul Thomas  
45 Smith, will compile this list for Stephanie and bring it to the next meeting.

1 Laura Toney said she delivered letters to the schools to encourage students to tour the  
2 Whitaker Museums. She will also distribute posters on the Zombie Run to the schools. Police Chief  
3 Child mentioned to Laura he had a 1920 tractor that his grandfather gave him. The Museum Board  
4 suggested he be asked to give a history of tractors for a Storytelling event, and perhaps he could  
5 also give a history of police badges.  
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7 Paul Thomas Smith met with Mike Hadley, who is an artist. Mr. Smith viewed some of his  
8 paintings, and he suggested an art show in 2018 with the artists in Centerville at the Museum.  
9 Local artists could be sponsored to display their work every Tuesday for an allotted period of time.  
10 Laura Toney reported over 20 local artists displayed works at this summer's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Art show.  
11 She expressed concerns that displaying art in the Museum would duplicate effort, plus create a  
12 liability for the care and protection of art work. Mr. Smith reported the Museum budget included  
13 \$6,000 to produce the DVD on the Museum. There was \$3,000 upfront, with \$3,000 to be given  
14 when the DVD is completed. He asked if it would be possible if the remaining \$3,000 could be  
15 given now. Mr. Smith said the money is needed to operate and complete the work. Chair Packer  
16 said he would review this item with Steve Thacker, City Manager. The DVD is expected to be  
17 completed the winter 2018.

18 *[Note: Later an explanation from City Manager clarified that \$3,000 was funded with money*  
19 *transferred from General Fund, and the other \$3,000 is to come from the Whitaker Museum Fund*  
20 *reserved fund balance and/or new donations.]*  
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22 Chair Packer sketched the new parking lot on the Board, and the placement of the four light  
23 poles was discussed. The holes for the conduit will be drilled six to eight-feet deep to handle the  
24 wind load. The contractor said he might donate the concrete bases for the poles. The Eagle Scout  
25 who will be helping with this project will then begin digging the lines for the conduit. Don Hartley,  
26 State Historical Society, was pleased with the progress done on projects from the current CLG  
27 grant. The lights could be considered for security, and, as such might qualify for a CLG grant. He  
28 suggested submitting this project in October for possible money in January 2018. Floor covering  
29 in the office needs to be addressed, which could also fall under the next CLG grant.  
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31 **NEXT MEETING**

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33 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be on October 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
34 Lisa Romney will be attending this meeting.  
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36 **ADJOURN**

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38 At 7:55 p.m., Nancy Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Paul Thomas Smith  
39 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).  
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43 Spencer Packer, Chair

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46 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary  
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12-14-2017  
Date Approved