

1 Minutes of the Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the
2 Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 North Main, Centerville, Utah 84014.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Carol Bake
6 Diane Chamberlain
7 Mel Miles
8 Spencer Packer, Chair, arrived at 5:21 p.m.
9 Nancy Smith
10 Paul Thomas Smith

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12 **STAFF PRESENT**

13 Stephanie Ivie, City Council Liaison, arrived at 5:17 p.m.
14 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
15 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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17 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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19 Minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Diane Chamberlain made a **motion**
20 to approve the minutes as amended. Mel Miles seconded the motion, which was passed by
21 unanimous vote (5-0).

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23 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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25 Lisa Linn Sommer, Whitaker Museum Director, reported she met with an interior designer
26 about improvements for the archive room. The room has been painted and the stone and mortar
27 have been repaired on the wall. The floor was installed today, and a desk has been purchased for
28 the archive room. Bids have been received for the cabinets in the kitchen, and Timber Mill Cabinets
29 has been chosen to make the cabinets.

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31 An Eagle Scout completed his project last week by cutting down the succor trees along the
32 south fence next to the car wash, and the stumps were painted with poison. The trees were removed
33 to prohibit them from damaging the fence, and the ground has been leveled with sand and dirt.
34 Michael Higginson and Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, are ready to help with the
35 design of the yard. The stone work and gravel under the outdoor benches has been completed, and
36 the benches have been re-burned and re-stained.

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38 At 5:17 p.m. Stephanie Ivie, City Council Liaison, arrived at the meeting.

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40 Lisa Linn Sommers reported two men responded to the Just Serve website, and they are
41 going to donate the hardware and make the donation box for the Museum. It will take one month
42 to complete this project. There will be training for Museum employees in August and September
43 that is free. The topic of the August 27th training session is "How to Deal with Bad Boards." There
44 will be a Utah State History Conference in September at Fort Douglas. which Lisa plans to attend.

1 The B H Roberts Story Telling Event will be on August 14th at 7:00 p.m. Bruce Roberts
2 will be giving the presentation. B H Roberts' furniture needs to be moved from the storage unit
3 and ready for display at the Museum by August 14th.

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5 At 5:21 p.m., Chair Spencer Packer arrived at the meeting.

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7 **RAP PROJECT STATUS AND REVIEW**

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9 Lisa Linn Sommers, Museum Director, said the flooring has been installed and the painting
10 is completed. Lisa will contact Timber Mill Cabinets for the complete bid on the cabinets. Lisa
11 reported she took a brass brush and scraped the mortar and cleaned the stones off with alcohol.
12 She asked if molding should be installed on top of the brick and stone. The Board will view the
13 brick and stone before making a decision if molding or caulking should be installed. The cabinets
14 and hardware on the carriage door will not be completed by September as originally planned.

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16 The gas pipes need to be lowered to the ground and covered with a box. Lisa suggested
17 asking one of the men who is making the donation box to also work on the bookcases. It must be
18 determined how much RAP Tax money is remaining.

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20 **B H ROBERTS DISPLAY**

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22 Lisa Linn Sommers, Museum Director, will ask Parks and Recreation employees to move
23 the B H Roberts furniture into the Museum for the display from August 14th to September 15th.
24 The Board discussed if a storage pod should be purchased to store the furniture after the exhibit,
25 as the Board is paying rent for the storage unit. Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, said the
26 Board has been approved to place an 8-foot x 20-foot storage pod next to the soccer and baseball
27 storage pods. The requirements are the pod cannot cover the UTOPIA box or the manhole. It is
28 anticipated the pod will cost around \$3,600 to \$4,300. Paul Thomas Smith is making a poster to
29 be displayed at various locations around the City advertising the B H Roberts display at the
30 Museum.

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32 **BOARD REPORT**

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34 Paul Thomas Smith compiled a seven-page summary of B H Roberts life that he distributed
35 to the Board. He reported there is a controversy on the grave marker of B H Roberts, as there is a
36 cross on the headstone. There is one more session before the DVD is completed. The DVD will
37 need to be edited, and Mr. Smith asked for suggestions for the cover of the DVD. Thomas Whitaker
38 wrote many journals but only one survived because of his son, John Mills. After Thomas Whitaker
39 died, there was a diphtheria outbreak, and the custom at the time was to burn everything to destroy
40 the disease. All of the journals were burned except for one, which was used to compile his history.

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42 Mr. Smith asked the Board if the historical summary should be bound. Carr Printing said
43 it would cost \$10.50 per book to have the summary bound. The Board discussed having the book
44 printed, but agreed his descendants would probably be the only people interested in purchasing it,
45 and it is available online. The Board agreed to have one book published for display at the Museum.

1 Nancy Smith reported she has attended several historical conferences recently, and would
2 love to see either Carol Bake or Diane Chamberlain attend the conferences in September. Nancy
3 requested the Board set up a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the
4 landscaping of the Museum grounds. The Parks and Recreation Department will be invited to the
5 November meeting to plan the design of the Museum grounds. Paul Thomas Smith asked that the
6 landscaping design keep the focus of how the Museum grounds were when it was the Whitaker
7 home.

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9 **NEXT MEETING**

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11 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21st, at 5:00
12 p.m. at City Hall.

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14 **ADJOURN**

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16 At 6:10 p.m., Mel Miles made a **motion** to adjourn. Nancy Smith seconded the motion,
17 which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

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22 Spenser Packer, Chair

8-21-2018

Date Approved

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26 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary
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