

1 Minutes of the Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 5:00 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 Carol Bake
6 Diane Chamberlain
7 Mel Miles
8 Spencer Packer, Chair
9 Paul Thomas Smith

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11 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

12 Nancy Smith

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

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

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19 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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

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25 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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27 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the Parks Department has taken care of the
28 sprinkler system. Two red bud trees and two white mulberry have been planted next to the fence
29 on the south side. Grass is growing where the previous trees were removed. Bruce Cox is ready to
30 move the cargo container, and place the B. H. Roberts furnishings back into storage. The Board
31 discussed the furniture and if all of the furniture should be returned to storage. This item will be
32 discussed at the next meeting.

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34 The Board expressed appreciation to Paul Thomas Smith for his presentation on the
35 Centerville History Documentary 1847-1869 of Thomas Whitaker at the Storytelling Event on
36 September 11th. There were 63 people in attendance for this event. Clara Goudy Day was
37 celebrated on September 4th. Her daughter came to the Museum, and brought the Declaration for
38 "Clara Goudy Day" from Governor Leavitt that declared September 6th as Clara Goudy Day for
39 her service. Paul Thomas Smith will be conducting the Cemetery Tour on October 9th and October
40 13th. The tours are free, but reservations are required. Window sills on the exterior of the Museum
41 have been painted, and the deep cleaning is scheduled for this weekend. Marilyn Hymas came to
42 get three bids for the completion of the south wall where the brick is. Lisa Sommer will be going
43 to a conference this weekend at the Rio Grande Building that will be presented by Lisa Buckmiller
44 and Don Hartley. There is also a history conference in Green River on Archival Preservation at
45 the end of October.

1 **BOARD REPORT**
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3 Diane Chamberlain and Lisa Linn Sommer reported they met with a descendant of Samuel
4 Whitaker, who was the first son of Elizabeth and Thomas Whitaker. They also met with a great
5 granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth who lives in Logan. She is 93 years old, and Diane and
6 Lisa were able to learn new information about Samuel. There is hope that the Board might be able
7 to obtain a rocker and a settee hand carved by Thomas Whitaker.
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9 Paul Thomas Smith discovered a connection between B. H. Roberts and Thomas Whitaker.
10 B. H. Roberts came from England at age 14, and he worked in the mines. He was influenced by
11 unsavory men who worked in the mines, and was dis-fellowshipped by his Bishop. A General
12 Authority was able to help B. H. Roberts turn his life around, and his best friend became John
13 Whitaker, son of Thomas Whitaker. When B. H. Roberts became a General Authority, John
14 Whitaker became his personal secretary.
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16 Chair Spencer Packer made a **motion** to approve the final installment to Pick It Up Motion
17 Pictures for the Centerville History Documentary that Paul Thomas Smith produced. Mel Miles
18 seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
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20 Diane Chamberlain made a **motion** to order 300 copies of the Centerville History DVD
21 from the Public Relations Account, and 50 copies of the Thomas Whitaker DVD out of the same
22 account. Carol Bake seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
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24 **CHAIR REPORT**
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26 Chair Spencer Packer met with Timber Mill Cabinets, and the installation of the cabinets
27 is scheduled for October 9th. This should be a one-day installation, and then the granite can be
28 templated for the countertop. A sink will need to be selected before the countertop is installed, and
29 Lisa Sommer will purchase the sink.
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31 **POTENTIAL ANTIQUE STOVE CONVERSION/USE OF POTENTIAL UNUSED**
32 **STOVE FUNDS**
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34 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported it is not possible to place a gas stove top
35 on an antique stove as the Board had previously planned for. Lisa suggested the gas line should
36 not be installed, and instead, change the oven to electric and use existing drawers to hide the wood.
37 She believes a gas stove top would be a hazard, especially when children are in the Museum. There
38 was \$7,642 available for the purchase of the antique stove, and an electric antique stove would be
39 \$3,500. The extra funds could be used to seal the chimney. The Board discussed the stove, and it
40 was agreed to not make a decision until all of the Board members are present.

1 **TREE REMOVAL NORTH OF HOME/REMOVAL OF DEAD BRANCHES**
2 **FROM WILLOW**

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4 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the tree on the north side west of the
5 summer kitchen needs to be removed. Lisa has received two bids, and she is waiting for one more
6 bid. The tree is diseased and two large branches have recently fallen off.

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8 **MUSEUM LANDSCAPE DISCUSSION IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING**
9 **WITH CENTERVILLE PARK STAFF IN NOVEMBER**

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11 Chair Packer met with Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, and he submitted
12 information on the pioneer period plants for the Museum grounds. Drawings of the proposed
13 landscape plans were distributed. Paul Thomas Smith explained in restoring something from the
14 past extends to the plants as they were 150 years ago. It is important for the education, and Davis
15 County was once known for its abundance of fruit orchards and fruit drives. The Board is trying
16 to create the story of the Museum both inside and outside. Mr. Cox will return with a proposal to
17 try and begin the landscaping of the grounds.

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19 **MISCELLANEOUS**

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21 Paul Thomas Smith asked about a driveway for the carriage house. Chair Packer said he
22 likes the idea of a driveway, but is a low priority at this time. Gravel driveways are a problem for
23 the large sit down mowers that are used to mow the lawn.

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25 **NEXT MEETING**

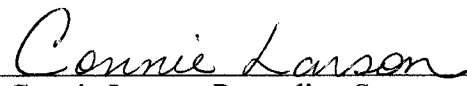
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27 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at
28 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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30 **ADJOURN**

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32 At 6:20 p.m., Mel Miles made a **motion** to adjourn. Diane Chamberlain seconded the
33 motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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38 Spencer Packer, Chair

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42 10-30-2018
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43 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

