

Museum Committee Meeting Minutes 8/17/21

Location: Remote, via Zoom

Present: Maddi McGraw (Curator), Mindy Linder (Community/Outreach), Adam Howard, Stacy Roth, Megan England, Jenna Fribley, Councilor Pitts (council liaison)

Absent: Tara Puyat, Matthew Auxier, Sarah Glass

Meeting called to order by Chair Howard at 5:34 pm.

Business from the Audience: Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist for the Library and Museum Mindy Linder and Springfield Public Library Foundation Fundraising Specialist Karen Johnson were in attendance.

Approval of agenda and minutes: Agenda approved. Minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting were approved.

Curator Report: Maddi provided a verbal report.

Community Engagement & Outreach Specialist Report: Mindy provided a verbal report. She stated that interested Committee members could email her to be included in an upcoming Decolonization workshop in collaboration with Willamalane, the Springfield Historic Commission, the Springfield Public Library, the City Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and the City of Springfield Executive Team.

Subcommittee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

A. Reports from Museum/Library Liaisons: Mindy stated that she had attended the August 12, 2021 Library Foundation meeting, and was excited to be able to advocate for the Museum in this setting in the future.

B. Continued Discussion of Potential Museum Taglines: General discussion was recorded in the ongoing Museum Taglines document, and this item would be included in Unfinished Business for the September 21, 2021 meeting. Maddi stated that she would email Public Affairs Analyst Amber Fossen to see what taglines the City officially uses.

New Business:

A. Draft Letter to City Detailing Physical Maintenance and Refurbishment of Museum Building Exterior: After general discussion, a bulleted list of requests for building maintenance and refurbishment projects was created by the Committee. This list included: repainting the exterior

stucco, removing awnings, new doors, historic photos in the windows facing Main Street, replacement of UV film on all windows, and historically significant plants in the landscaping.

B. Info Sharing: Councilor Pitts shared that he is still working on researching potential Sister Cities for Springfield, and would like the Museum Committee to be involved in the process. Maddi stated that she would look in the Museum collection for evidence of past Sister Cities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.