

## **Museum Committee Meeting Minutes 05/21/2024**

**Location: City Hall Conference Room 3**

**Present:** Maddi McGraw (Curator), Steve Moe (council liaison), Mindy Linder (Library/Museum Community Engagement/Outreach Specialist) Chair Megan England, Vice Chair Patty Sage, Stacy Roth, Jenna Fribley, Mahala Ruddell, Tara Puyat, David Schmunk, guest Sabrina White

**Absent:** Jennifer Eisele

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm.

**Business from the Audience:** none.

**Approval of agenda and minutes:** Agenda and minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting approved with edits.

**Curator Report:** Maddi provided a written report.

**Community Engagement & Outreach Specialist Report:** Mindy gave an overview report of new developments with Illumination up to this point. She stated that local organization Comunidad Y Herencia Cultural had funded six new stories to be added to the Museum's collection, and these stories would be displayed in the Museum from July to the end of September. She also stated that several stakeholders from the local Asian American/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander community were interested in gathering more community stories to add to the Museum in the future. She shared that the current Illumination collection, focused on the African American community, would be on display through June and the closing celebration would be held during Black Cultural Initiative's event in July at Alton Baker Park, memorializing the removal of Black families from the Ferry Street Bridge area 75 years ago. Finally, she shared that the upcoming Illumination exhibit is focused on the American Indian/Alaska Native community in Springfield, and the story collection team is currently working on finding the community members to highlight.

**Atlas Subcommittee Report:** Jenna and Megan stated that the atlas was nearly complete, and the goal was to have a completed manuscript soon.

**Historic Commission/Museum Committee Awards Subcommittee Report:** Stacy shared that meetings were happening, and the goal was to launch this year's awards program on May 31 with a July 1 deadline, and the awards recipients would be announced during the October 7, 2024 City Council meeting.

**Haunted Museum Subcommittee Report:** none.

**Welcome Packet Subcommittee Report:** After general discussion, it was decided that the member bio section would include photographs of members, and that Megan would work on gathering those photos. It was also decided going forward that this report section would be replaced with a report on the new joint newsletter subcommittee, who are working with the Friends of the Library and Museum, the Library Foundation, and the Library Board on a joint newsletter.

**Reports from Museum/Library Liaisons:** none.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. SHM Work Plan Updates:** This item was tabled for the June meeting.

**New Business:** none.

**Info Sharing:** Maddi and Jenna shared that they had been asked to be part of the Springfield Chamber's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary time capsule project, and would have more information on the project over the next few months.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.