

Museum Committee Meeting Minutes 07/16/2024

Location: City Hall Conference Room 3

Present: Maddi McGraw (Curator), Steve Moe (council liaison), Chair Megan England, Vice Chair Patty Sage, Stacy Roth, Mahala Ruddell, Tara Puyat, guest Sabrina White

Absent: David Schmunk, Jennifer Eisele, Jenna Fribley

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm.

Business from the Audience: none.

Approval of agenda and minutes: Agenda and minutes from the June 18, 2024 meeting approved.

Curator Report: Maddi provided a written report.

Community Engagement & Outreach Specialist Report: None.

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 reported that there had been one nomination for each of the two categories. She also mentioned that there were discussions within the Awards committee of potentially streamlining the nomination process for future years.

Haunted Museum Subcommittee Report: Maddi said that she would be sending out a survey of dates for the first planning meeting soon.

Newsletter Subcommittee Report: Mahala stated that she would be requesting information for future newsletters from the Committee, and that there was discussion over potentially renaming the newsletter to better describe its new identity as a multi-group effort.

Reports from Museum/Library Liaisons: none.

Unfinished Business:

A. SHM Work Plan Updates: After general discussion, it was decided that at each meeting for the rest of the year, the group would look over each section of the work plan and choose points as items to emphasize over the next year. After reading through the "Exhibits Goal" section, these points were highlights: translating the permanent exhibit text into Spanish; reassessing the existing Docent Training Manual; making sure that all exhibit spaces include Indigenous perspectives and stories. This item would be kept on Unfinished Business for the August 20,

2024 meeting. Reassessing the Docent Training Manual would also be added to New Business for the August 20, 2024 meeting.

New Business:

A. Proposal to Hold One Meeting Per Year in the Museum: None

Info Sharing: Steve Moe related that the question of annexing the Laurel Grove Cemetery area into Springfield was being discussed by Council. Patty shared that there were free concerts being held at Roaring Rapids on Tuesday evenings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.