

Museum Committee Meeting 2/18/25

Location: City Hall Conference Rm 3 & Teams

Present: Chair Megan England, Vice Chair Patty Sage, Tara Puyat, Mahala Ruddell, David Schmunk, Jennifer Eisele, Emily David (Director)

Absent: Jenna Fribley, Steve Moe (council liaison)

1. Call to Order: 5:35pm

2. Community Comments: None

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Patty motioned to approve minutes and corrections on a agenda (strike 4 & 5 - no reports) David seconded

4. Curator Report: None

5. Community Engagement & Outreach Specialist Report: None

6. Subcommittee Reports

A. Atlas Subcommittee: The Chronicle is doing a four-part article on the Historic Atlas> Dr. Lewis potentially sharing some information for Atlas

B. Historic Commission/SHM Awards Subcommittee: Keep your eyes open for potential

C. Haunted Museum Subcommittee: None

D. Newsletter Subcommittee: None

7. Liaison Reports: None

8. Unfinished Business: Mahala asked how the joint logo is going. Emily shared that Krista has been gathering information and the plan is to have a meeting in March/April with Verb the PR and Marketing firm

9. New Business:

A. Chair and Vice Chair Elections: Emily received nominations from two committee members nominating Megan England for Chair and Patty Sage for Vice Chair. Emily asked if there were any other nominations. There was discussion about process. Jennifer motioned for the election of Megan England for Chair and Patty Sage for Vice Chair. Mahala, Tara, Megan, Patty and Jennifer Eisele voted yes. David abstained.

B. Start Strategic Planning Review: The Committee started to review the strategic plan and noted the following:

Priority 1. They noted that the Illumination Project is a street level access of resources

Priority 2. joint logo and joint support group newsletter were given as examples of Sharing our story together. Idea to have handouts with QR codes to programming

Priority 3. It was suggested that recruiting a Spanish speaker to help staff the front desk some hours a week. Could Check with Plaza de La Comunidad for volunteers. Translate Museum information into Spanish

Priority 4. How to help staff feel appreciated? Suggestion to nominate staff for awards.

C. Joint meeting of Library/Museum support groups in April TBD: Groups agreed that Saturdays are best. Emily will send out a Doodle Poll.

10. Info Sharing: History Night & Illumination event went well. Books & Brew was successful.

11. Adjournment: 6:26 Jennifer motioned and Patty seconded