

## **Museum Committee Meeting Minutes 08/19/2025**

**Location: City Hall Conference Room 3**

**Present:** Chair Megan England, Vice Chair Patty Sage, Tara Puyat, Jenna Fribley, Jennifer Eisele, Mahala Ruddell, Maddi McGraw (Curator), Steve Moe (council liaison)

**Absent:** Jennifer Eisele

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm.

**Business from the Audience:** none

**Approval of agenda and minutes:** Agenda and minutes from the July 15, 2025 meeting approved: Jenna motion and Patty second, with all present voting to approve.

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

**Community Engagement & Outreach Specialist Report:** none.

**Atlas Subcommittee Report:** Megan shared that the publishing costs had been paid, and that the City Manager's Office had added in extra funding to purchase copies of the book to give away. She stated that the goal was still to complete the book by the end of summer, and to have it ready for purchase before December.

**Historic Commission/Museum Committee Awards Subcommittee Report:** Jenna shared that there were four nominations total this year, and that the winners had not yet been decided. She also mentioned that there was discussion about splitting the awards between this fall (likely November) and another award in May 2026, in an effort to move the awards into May for the foreseeable future. Maddi and Jenna also discussed celebrating the awards at the November Art Walk as well as the November History Night at the Wildish.

**Haunted Museum Subcommittee Report:** Maddi shared that several meetings had taken place, and that the theme for this year would be Frankenstein. She also shared that the next meeting would be in the Museum on August 21 at 4pm, and that anyone was welcome to join.

**Newsletter Subcommittee Report:** Mahala shared that anyone with ideas for items to highlight in the newsletter could send them to her, and that the newsletters are usually finished by the end of each month.

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

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

- A. Block Party-Volunteers Needed:** Maddi shared that the Museum and Library would have a presence at the Block Party and the Hispanic Heritage Celebration on September 4, and that the event was scheduled for 4pm to 10pm but she wasn't sure yet how late the Museum would be open. She requested that anyone who had capacity please volunteer at the Museum or the Library/Museum booth.
- B. Fall Recruitment Update:** Maddi stated that the last she had heard from the City Managers Office was that recruitment would be held in the fall, and that BCC recruitment might be bundled together with Council recruitment as well. She reminded the Committee that as of December 31 they would have five vacancies to fill, and to ask anyone that they know if they would be interested in volunteering to be on the Committee. The group asked that she reach out to former members Adam and Stacy and see if they would be interested in joining again.

**Info Sharing:**

Megan shared that this year's ILLUMINATION would be focused on creating traveling exhibits to go to local schools as well as organizing the material already collected, and that she was part of the team working on the school exhibits.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.