

## **Museum Committee Meeting Minutes 3/17/26**

**Location: City Hall Conference Room 3**

**Present:** Chair Megan England, Vice Chair Patty Sage, Steve Williamson, Jennifer Eisele, Mindy Linder, Community Engagement Specialist

**Absent:** Tara Puyat, Mahala Ruddell, Ky Fireside,

Meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm. ( We waited to try and get a quorum to arrive)

**Business from the Audience:** none

**Approval of agenda and minutes:** Agenda and minutes from the February 17, 2026 meeting approved: Steve motion and Jennifer second, with all present voting to approve.

**Curator Report:** Maddi provided a written report. Recruitment update: Marta Heacock interviewed and was approved for appointment. Patty reapplied and was directly appointed by Mayor. Council set to interview two more applicants in April. IMLS grant to fund Collections Tech position for two years was submitted 3/13.

**Community Engagement & Outreach Specialist Report:** Mindy spoke about all the activities that have been going on. Springfield Public Schools and Bethel schools are circulating the ILLUMINATIONS collection. The next ILLUMINATION LGBTQIA2S+ Community Collection was discussed. The Plaza Programs for 2026 was presented with lots of exciting programs. The Lunar New Year Celebration on February 28th was a huge success. The Farmworker Solidarity Celebration on April 1st was discussed. Mindy reported on the OFN support she provided and the successful development of a proposal and receipt of a grant to support their Cultural Connections project.

**Atlas Subcommittee Report:** Megan shared that lots of work was being done to get the Atlas ready to send to the publisher.

**Historic Commission/Museum Committee Awards Subcommittee Report:** none

**Haunted Museum Subcommittee Report:** none.

**Newsletter Subcommittee Report:** none

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

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

A. Library Museum Annual Report Template

We reviewed and made a few recommendations to the “At-A-Glance” annual report as to the work the Museum is doing.

**Front Page:** Add History talks at the Museum with the number attending.

**Fundraising:** Add Fright Night at the Museum

**Key Partnerships:** Questions arose about why Peak Community Credit Union was the only donor mentioned. It was suggested that the Report have a visual block of donor logos somewhere on the page.

**Library and Museum support groups:** A suggestion of making a separate bullet point for Youth Programs could be added.

\*Comments were made about the Annual Reports visuals. Maybe change the colors. Seems very busy to look at.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm