

Meeting Minutes
BOARD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORY
September 7, 2017

Location
Nevada State Railroad Museum
2180 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Stoldal, Chairman
Dr. Alicia Barber
Dr. Sarah Cowie
Pete Dubé
Dr. Doris Dwyer
Dan Markoff
Robert Ostrovsky
Anthony Timmons

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bryan Allison
Renee Diamond
Seth Schorr

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES STAFF PRESENT

Peter Barton, Division of Museums and History, Administrator
David Peterson, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Deputy Director
Jim Bertolini, DCNR, State Historic Preservation Office, National and State Register Coordinator
Guy Clifton, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Public Information Officer
Carrie Edlefsen, Division of Museums and History, Administrative Services Officer
Lauri Brown, Division of Museums and History, Administrative Assistant
Sarah Bradley, Attorney General's Office, Deputy Attorney General via teleconference
Daniel Theilen, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, Director
Sean Pitts, Nevada State Railroad Museum, East Ely, Director
Myron Freedman, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, Director
Chris DeWitt, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, Restoration Supervisor
Wendell Huffman, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, History Curator

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Marla McDade Williams, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Chris Stanko, Maupin, Cox & LeGoy, representing Northern Nevada Railway
Michon R. Eben, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Scott Nebesky, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

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1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00am and confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241. (1,2)
 2. There were no board announcements. (3)
 3. Chris Stanko of Maupin, Cox and LeGoy representing the Northern Nevada Railway Foundation introduced himself during public comment. (4)

4. The Chair took Item 5a, Acceptance of the Minutes for June 15, 2017. Dr. Barber made the motion to approve the amended minutes for June 15, 2017. Member Dubé seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (5a)
5. The Chair took Item 5b, Acceptance of the Minutes for June 16, 2017. Dr. Dwyer made the motion to accept the minutes for June 16, 2017. Member Barber seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (5b)
6. The Chair took Item 6b, Calendar for Next Meeting. Pete Dubé made the motion for the next meeting be conducted March 9, 2018 at the Stewart Indian School in Carson City. Member Cowie seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (6b)
7. The Chair took Item 7a, Nominations to the State Registers of Historic Places. There were no nominations at this time. (7a)
8. The Chair took Item 7b1, Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. There were no nominations at this time. (7b)
9. The Chair took Item 8a, Agency Reports, Dept. of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. Claudia Vecchio was not available as she was India. David Peterson represented the Department in Claudia's absence. Mr. Peterson stated that the SFY17 budgets were closed. On the Tourism front the spring-summer campaign finished which started in April and ended in August. Tourism awarded approximately \$983,400 in grants in the first cycle of the marketing grant program. The next Rural Roundup will be April 11-18, 2018 in Tonopah. Mr. Peterson distributed copies of the Nevada Magazine and motorcycle rides guide. (8a)
10. The Chair took Item 8b1, State Historic Preservation Office. Jim Bertolini filled in for Rebecca Palmer. One upcoming NR nomination to anticipate is for the Swamp Cedars Traditional Cultural Place in White Pine County. Updated the Board on the status of the NRHP report since 2005. No action was taken. (8b1)
11. The Chair took Item 8b2, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), 2017 revised manual. Robert Ostovsky made the motion to adopt the NRHP 2017 revised manual. Member Timmons seconded. Motion passed without dissent. (8b2)
12. The Chair took Item 8c1-6, Division of Museums and History. Peter Barton reported on the development of the Battle Born Hall at the Nevada State Capitol pursuant to NRS 331.133, along with the upcoming Museum Director Fall Workshop scheduled for September 13, 2017; implementing 79th session initiatives: school bus transportation funding, SB 244, SB 37, and SB 70; 2018 museum expo in Las Vegas, March 21, 2018, as well as the NCPH Conference in Las Vegas April 18-21, 2018; Division-wide deaccession policy development and the personnel report. (8c1-6)
13. The Chair took Item 8d, Public Information Officer – Guy Clifton. Mr. Clifton reported to the Board about the successful social media that is being conducted at the various museums. (8d)
14. The Chair took Item 8e1, Nevada Historical Society, Reno. Mr. Barton reported on behalf of the Nevada Historical Society. Chairman Stoldal requested a full report from Sheryln Hayes-Zorn on the *Quarterly* for the next Board meeting. (8e1)
15. The Chair took Item 8e2, Nevada State Museum, Carson City. Myron Freedman reported on the status of the project 17-A010, master plan and schematic design of the Indian Hills Curatorial Center. Chris DeWitt reported to the Board the status of the Coin Press. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e2)
16. The Chair took Item 8e3a, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City. Wendell Huffman updated the board on the status of work to stabilize and exhibit V&T Coach No. 17. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e3a)
17. The Chair took Item 8e3b, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City. Pete Dubé made a motion to approve the request for Category 48 funding authority in the amount of

- \$3,250 to procure advertising in various media to promote special events. Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (8e3b)
18. The Chair took Item 8e3c, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City. Pete Dubé made a motion to approve the request for Category 48 funding authority in the amount of \$2,557 for conference travel, registration and related costs for the museum director to attend the annual Heritage Railway Alliance meeting, to be held in Minneapolis October 2017. Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (8e3c)
 19. The Chair took Item 8e4a, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City. Mr. Barton updated the board on the status of project 17-A009, master plan and design effort for new and expanded facilities and visitor experience, project now proceeding through the schematic design phase and report on the Boulder City property transfer and City of Henderson role in the project. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e4a)
 20. The Chair took Item 8e5a, East Ely Railroad Depot Museum. This item was taken out of order. Sean Pitts reported on the cancellation by the Nevada Northern Railway of the interlocal agreement for joint ticketing. Future conversations will be conducted between Mr. Stanko and Ms. Bradley regarding the interlocal agreement for joint ticketing. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e5a)
 21. The Chair took Item 8e6, Lost City Museum, Overton. Mr. Barton reported to the Board that Jenny Strayer is the new museum director for the Lost City Museum. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e6)
 22. The Chair took Item 8e7, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. Mr. Barton reported to the Board that there has been a notable increase in attendance at Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. The increase in attendance follows increases seen at the Springs Preserve, due in part at least to added public offerings. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e7)
 23. The Chair took Item 9a, Collection Committee Report. Nothing to report at this time. (9a)
 24. The Chair took Item 9b, Strategic Planning Committee Report. This item was taken out of order. Nothing to report. Discussion was held regarding possible upcoming strategic planning. No action was taken. (9b)
 25. The Chair took Item 9c, Major Gifts Committee Report. Nothing to report at this time. (9c)
 26. The Chair took Item 9d, Facility Use Committee Report. Nothing to report at this time. (9d)
 27. The Chair took Item 9e1, Finance Committee Report. This item was taken out of order. Robert Ostrovsky reported to the Board regarding the Morgan Stanley investments for April-June 2017. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9e1)
 28. The Chair took Item 9e2, Finance Committee Report. Member Ostrovsky reported to the Board regarding the Morgan Stanley Portfolio Summary for the period ending June 30, 2017. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9e2)
 29. The Chair took Item 9e3, Finance Committee Report. Member Ostrovsky reported to the Board to consider risk tolerance for the investment portfolio to give direction to MSSB for the December annual review. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9e3)
 30. The Chair took Item 9f, Membership Committee Report. Nothing to report at this time. (9f)
 31. The Chair took Item 9g, Museum Store Committee Report. This item was taken out of order. Member Dubé reported that Charmain Phillips of the Nevada State Museum, Carson City will be attending a museum store conference in Tennessee in October 2017. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9g)

32. The Chair took Item 9h, Nevada State Prison (NSP) Committee Report. This item was taken out of order. Member Barber reported the status of NSP. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9h)
33. The Chair took Item 9i, Nevada Historical Society (NHS) Relocation Committee Report. Member Barber reported the status of NHS relocation. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9i)
34. The Chair took Item 9i, Possible formation of additional committees, specifically consideration of a "technology" committee; item requested by Member Schorr at the June 2017 meeting. Pete Dubé made the motion for Seth Schorr to be the chair of the Technology Committee. Member Barber seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (9i)
35. The Chair took Item 10a1-2, Restricted Funds/Donations Received. Robert Ostrovsky made a motion to accept restricted funds in the amount of \$500 from the Carson Sierra Spinners & Weavers Guild for the museum's Marjorie Russell Clothing & Textile Center and \$6,000 from John & Grace Nauman Foundation for the acquisition of the new storage cabinets for the museum's Marjorie Russell Clothing & Textile Center. Member Dubé seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (10a1-2)
36. The Chair took Item 10b-c. Changes approved by the Division Administrator and Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000. There were no changes. (10b-c)
37. There were no Board Member comments on non-agendized items. (11)
38. The Chair took Item 12, Future Museum Board Agenda Items. Create an Ely Committee, *Quarterly* report, New York Mint coin press agreement with Nevada State Museum, Carson City; BLM collection report, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City further report on Coach No. 17, Nevada Historical Society relocation feasibility action item, Finance Committee action item, brief strategic planning brainstorming, abandoned property at the Veteran's Memorial, membership retention, and possible marketing committee. (12)
39. The Chair took Item 13, Public Comment and Discussion. There was none. (13)
40. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.