

Summary
BOARD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORY
April 8, 2015

Location
Nevada State Museum
600 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Stoldal, Chairman
Alicia Barber
Sarah Cowie
Renee Diamond
Pete Dubé
Doris Dwyer
Robert Ostrovsky
Janice Pine

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Daniel Markoff

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

Felicia Archer, Public Information Officer, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs
Peter Barton, Administrator, Division of Museums and History
Rebecca Palmer, State Historic Preservation Officer, State Historic Preservation Office
Sarah Bradley, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Jim Bertolini, Historic Preservation Specialist II, State Historic Preservation Office, DCNR
Greg Corbin, Museum Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City
Jim Barmore, Museum Director, Nevada State Museum, Carson City
Sheryln Hayes-Zorn, Acting Museum Director, Nevada Historical Society
Jerrie Clarke, Museum Director, Lost City Museum
Dennis McBride, Museum Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Las Vegas (via telephone)
Carrie Edlefsen, Administrative Services Officer II, Division of Museums and History
Deborah Rabe, Administrative Assistant III, Divisions of Museums and History

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Cora Johnson, Chair, Friends of Nevada State Museum-Carson City
Bill Prowse, vice-Chair, Friends of the Nevada State Museum, Carson City
Glenn Whorton, President, Nevada State Prison Preservation Society

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1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m., and confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting posted in accordance with NRS 241. (1,2)
 2. No public comment was offered during the first opportunity for same. (3)
 3. The Board approved the meeting minutes of the December 12, 2014 meeting. Janice Pine moved, seconded by Alicia Barber and approved without dissent. (4)
 4. The Board approved scheduling the June 19, 2015 meeting at the Nevada Historical Society, Reno, to start at 9:00a.m. Motion by Pete Dubé, seconded by Dr. Dwyer and approved without dissent. The Board moved to schedule the September quarterly

meeting for September 11, 2015 at the Lost City Museum, Overton. Motion by Janice Pine, seconded by Pete Dubé and approved without dissent. Without taking formal action the Board expressed a desire to meet at the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City in March 2016 and at the East Ely Railroad Depot Museum in East Ely in September 2016. (5)

5. The Board considered the application of the Colcord House, Carson City to the State Register of Historic Places. Member Pete Dubé made the motion to approve; seconded by member Renee Diamond and approved without dissent. (6A)
6. The Board considered the application of the Nevada State Prison, Carson City to the National Register of Historic Places. Member Pete Dubé moved approval, seconded by member Dwyer and approved without dissent. (6B)
7. The Board reviewed reports from the Director of the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs and discussed proposed staffing for rest area/rest stops, suggesting a need for additional information on the subject. (7A)
8. The Board reviewed the report of the State Historic Preservation Officer. (7B)
9. The Board reviewed the Division Administrator's report including reports on various bills introduced in the 78th Legislative Session that directly and indirectly impact museums. (7C)
10. The Board moved to direct the Division Administrator to send a letter of support for AB 194, a bill which refines "historic" within NRS 381. Moved by Pete Dubé and seconded by Dr. Cowie, the motion passed without dissent. (7C)
11. The Board directed staff to submit a letter in support of SB 308, a bill that would appropriate additional General Funds up to \$6 million for critical deferred infrastructure maintenance. Member Dubé so moved, seconded by member Pine and approved without dissent.
12. The Board heard reports for Museum Day at the Legislature (April 9) and the opening of the exhibit for the late Senator William Raggio at the State Museum, April 9. Additional reports concerning the on-going Legislative audit strategic priorities and personnel were provided. (7C)
13. PIO Felicia Archer presented a report of media and marketing efforts in the last quarter. (7D)
14. The Chair took item # 13, Nevada cultural Affairs Foundation out of order. A discussion on "sun setting" the current Foundation and rolling assets into the Western Nevada Community Foundation ensued. This would include the remaining assets of the NV 150 Foundation, and on-going proceeds from the NV Sesquicentennial license plate authorized in AB 24 of the 77th Regular Session. Discussion of how this might operate was conducted. (13)
15. The Chair took item # 10, the Finance Committee report out of order. The Board considered and moved to approve Bahl & Gaynor as the third fund-manager for investments, in keeping with adopted policy to have a minimum of three fund managers. Member Ostrovsky so moved, seconded by member Diamond and passing without dissent. (13B)
16. The date for the Finance Committee meeting to review SFY 2016 Museum Dedicated Trust Fund budgets was established as Wednesday, May 20, 9:30a.m., in the Laxalt Building, Carson City. (13C)
17. The Chair took item # 9, the Collections Committee report out of order. An extensive and lengthy discussion ensued concerning the growing acute shortage of suitable space within which to store museum collections. This issue came in to focus as a result of the risk to State Museum collections stored off-site at an NDOT warehouse in Carson City. Significant consideration was given to the Committee's initial report, 117 pages. Options

were noted and further exploration and research is deemed necessary. Pages 50-70 in the transcription cover this topic. (9)

18. Under Agency reports the Nevada Historical Society (NHS) reported on an OSHA investigation which began on March 3rd, into failed electronic equipment on a compact storage unit. This has been a long-standing issue that will now likely result in a fine to the Agency/State and speaks to the chronic and critical need to address the State's growing backlog of deferred maintenance, some of which impact life-safety. (7E1b)
19. NHS made a formal request to waive certain admission fees on specified Wednesday during the month of July 2015. This to enable NHS to participate in Reno's annual Arttown event. Member Diamond moved approval, seconded by member Barber and passing without dissent. (7E1c)
20. The Board reviewed and Intrastate Interlocal agreement for between NHS and the Nevada Arts Council for services related to collaborative development of an exhibit on Basque arbor glyphs. Member Dubé moved, seconded by member Diamond and approved without opposition. (7E1d)
21. The Board took a recess at 12:05p.m., and reconvened at 12:40p.m.
22. The Board acknowledged the significant gifts totaling \$16,500 by Nevada State Museum volunteer Louise Inman.
23. The Board considered but rejected a request to fund a deductible automobile claim for \$500 for an employee of the Nevada State Museum whose auto was damaged while responding to an after-hour alarm at the State Museum. The Board took this action fearing setting a precedent but indicated that individually they would contribute to reimburse the employee. (7E2)
24. The Board moved to allow a deaccession of item RM-5359-G-001 from the collection of the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City. The item, a Pullman replica lamp is not an artifact and inappropriate for the collection and will be used at another location as an office furnishing. Member Diamond moved, member Pine seconded and the motion passed without dissent. (7E3a)
25. The status of the current Interlocal agreement between the State of Nevada, East Ely Railroad Depot Museum and the White Pine Heritage Railroad Foundation was reviewed. This contract expires June 30, 2015 but has provisions to be renewed with no further Board action. (7E5)
26. A report commissioned by the State Public Works Division concerning long term maintenance of the adobe structures at The Lost City Museum was briefly discussed. Funds to conduct repairs to the adobe are included in the Governor's Recommended Capital Improvement Program budget for SFY 2016-2017. (7E6)
27. The Board heard a report from the Attorney General concerning the real property at 711 South Seventh Street, Las Vegas. This property is to be donated to the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas through a Trust agreement. The AG was directed to send an additional letter to the Trust attorney seeking confirming that the tenant is upholding the Trust requirements while the Trust attorney suggests the State reconsider taking the property as provided in the Trust. (7E7a)
28. The Board reviewed and accepted a restricted deed of gift concerning disposition of materials from the "Greeno" collection. Member Pine moved, member Dubé seconded and the motion passed without dissent. (7E7b)
29. The Board reviewed and accepted a donor-imposed restriction limiting how materials from the "Wichinsky" collection may be used. Member Dubé moved, member Diamond seconded and the motion passed without dissent. (7E7c)
30. The Board reviewed and accepted a donor-imposed restriction on the "Rudiak" collection, limiting use of the collection to study and research. Member Dubé moved, member Pine seconded and the motion passed without dissent. (7E7d)

31. The Division Administrator presented information with regard to a national initiative of the State Historic Administrators. An effort is underway to influence public policy-makers at the State level by seeking to inform as to the importance of history education K-adult. Called the "History Relevance Campaign" the effort has gotten the support of over 30 states. Member Barber moved to endorse support of the initiative, members Dwyer seconded and the motion passed without dissent. (8)
32. Member Dubé discussed issues identified by the independent auditor regarding the current Point-of-Sale (POS) system in use in museum stores. The system is roughly 6 years old and has demonstrated weaknesses and difficulty of use. Member Diamond moved to allow the museum store committee to move forward exploring options for a new POS system for museums. Seconded by member Pine, the motion was approved without dissent. (11)
33. A request by the Nevada State Museum to increase revenue authority in RGL 3578, BLM Cooperative Agreement by \$93,941 to reflect increased revenue transfer was approved. Member Diamond moved approval, seconded by member Pine and approved with no dissent. (14B1)
34. A request by the Nevada State Museum to increase authority in four revenue categories, totaling \$35,715, reflecting increased activity was approved on the motion of member Dubé, seconded by member Dwyer and approved without dissent. (14B2)
35. A request to increase expenditure authority in category 45, "History" by \$17,000 was approved. This is necessary to fund costs of planning to move artifacts from the substandard conditions in the NDOT storage warehouse. Member Diamond moved, seconded by member Dwyer and approved without dissent. (14B3)
36. The Board moved to accept a \$2,000 gift from Louise Inman for NSM-CC. Member Pine moved and member Dubé seconded. Approved, no dissent. (14C1)
37. The Board moved to accept a \$2,000 gift from Louise Inman for NSM-CC. Member Diamond moved, seconded by member Dubé and approved, no dissent, (14C2)
38. The Board moved to accept a \$10,000 gift from Louis Inman for NSM-CC. Member Pine moved seconded by member Dwyer and approved no dissent. (14C3)
39. The Board moved to accept a \$2,500 donation from Louise Inman for NSM-CC. Member Diamond moved, seconded by member Dubé and approved with no dissent. (14C4)
40. The Board moved to accept a \$3,000 donation from Joan Lapan for the Children's Programming Fund at NSM-LV. Member Dubé moved, seconded by member Pine and approved without dissent. (14C5)
41. The Board moved to accept a \$3,000 donation from Bob Stoldal for the NSM-LV collection fund. Member Dubé moved, seconded by member Pine and approved without dissent. (14C6)
42. The Board moved to accept a \$5,500 donation from the Lee Mortensen Trust for the Nevada Historical Society. Moved by member Dubé and seconded by member Dwyer, the motion passed without dissent. (14C7)
43. There was no public comment offered during the second public comment period. (15)
44. For future agenda the following: a) collection storage as a standing item, b) continued planning for an extended planning meeting, c) follow-up on the OSHA investigation at the Nevada Historical Society, d) report from the independent auditor on findings in the SFY 2014 MDTF audit. (17)
45. There being no further business to consider the meeting was adjourned at 2:58p.m. prevailing time. (18)

() = Reference to agenda item number for the April 8, 2015 meeting.