



City of Independence

Agenda

Heritage Museum Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
Museum Meeting Room

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MEETING ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

The Heritage Museum Board will hold this meeting in-person at the Heritage Museum, via video conference or by phone.

- The public may attend the meeting by coming to the Museum at 281 S. 2nd St.
- **For Zoom login** visit:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83528537149?pwd=akMQafyYrxWcqN1Zgc2tfeGjvwfeWy.1>
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**Meeting of the Heritage Museum Advisory Board
January 8, 2025, 5:30 PM, Heritage Museum Meeting Room**

Call to Order: The meeting was opened at 5:30 PM by chair Billy Whisenant. No online presentation or recording could be made of this meeting due to malfunctioning equipment.

Roll Call: The entire board was in attendance: Chair Billy Whisenant, John Young, Vickie McCubbin, Ken Fetters, Joe Martinez, Delaina Soboloski, and Heath Liaison. Staff Liaison Amy Christensen and City Council Liaison Marilyn Morton were also present.

Minutes of the last meeting: Ken Fetters moved to approved the minutes, John Young 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports/Presentations: Amy gave the staff presentation. She detailed her background and qualifications for being museum staff. She asked for volunteers to come Saturday, February 1st, from 9 AM to 1 PM for the museum cleanup day. Other specific information provided by Amy:

- Since its opening the museum has had more than 15,000 visitors.
- The Youth Art Show is going on, and the reception is 5:30 PM on January 9.
- The next exhibit will be “What Does the Fox Say,” and an ASL version is being filmed.
- Heritage Museum has an exhibit 1908 Independence baseball uniform) at a heritage event in Salem.
- The museum will be working with Luckiamute Watershed Council posting panels in the park.
- Field trips have been scheduled, both for local schools and for a group from Capitol Manor.

Unfinished Business: Ken is working with the Heritage Museum Society in applying for grants, and has obtained information about both the Reeser Foundation and the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Both are program specific. There was discussion of a meeting with the Independence City Manager and also of collaboration between the Heritage Museum Society and the Friends of the Independence Library.

New Business: Elections were held. The newly elected officers are Vickie McCubbin, President and Billy Whisenant, Secretary. Billy was thanked for his service as president for the past year.

Other Discussion/Information Items: Billy gave an update on the Wall that Heals. It will be in Independence from Tuesday, Sept. 17 to Sunday, Sept. 21. The initial \$12,000 site fee was paid for by the Polk County Commissioners. Many volunteers will be needed along with additional funding. The next meeting of the Wall that Heals group is January 22nd. Recordings of previous meetings are available for viewing.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Heritage Museum Advisory Board Minutes – Heritage Museum
February 12, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

Roll Call: Board Members - Vickie McCubbin, Ken Feters, Joe Martinez, Amy Christensen, Acting Museum Director, Marilyn Morton, Council Liaison in attendance. Billy Whisenant excused absence, Heath Lawson absent

Minutes for January could not be approved because there wasn't a quorum. John Young decided not to reapply. Delaina Soboloski has taken a paid intern position for the museum and had to step away from the board.

We will be rotating the taking of minutes, hopefully one of the new board members will act as recording secretary.

Amy Christensen presented the director's report (attached).

Unfinished Business:

The Heritage Museum Mission Statement was read and reviewed with a brief discussion regarding keeping in mind what our mission is as we go through the upcoming budget decisions and transition.

Vickie introduced the idea of a Committee of Advisory Boards, including the Museum, Library, Parks with an invitation to the Friends of the Library and the Museum Society attending as guests. The intent of the committee would be to seek ways and have discussions as to how the Advisory Boards as representatives of the City can help work with City Staff to come up with innovative suggestions and ways to support the three entities in the coming months. It was suggested that perhaps legislators such as Paul Evans might be invited as a guest for input into the meeting. The members present were in support of the idea of the committee. More details to come as it gets organized.

There was discussion and a reminder that the City Council Work Session is February 25th. - We are welcome to attend the meeting and hear first hand the discussions. Our presence could bring a continued message to the city that we want to be a part of the process.

Other discussion items – The Wall That Heals – Billy sent an email giving updated information including route plans, volunteer sign up, and donation drop off at the museum.

Jasper Smith is planning to apply for the Museum Advisory Board again.

Meeting adjourned at app. 6:20

Submitted by Vickie McCubbin