



City of Independence

Museum Advisory Board
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
Museum Meeting Room

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - 3.1. Regular Meeting 08/13/2025
 - 3.2. Regular Meeting 11/12/2025
4. **Visitors/Public Comment**
5. **Staff Reports/Presentations**
6. **Unfinished Business**
 - 6.1. Update on the Task Force and Advocacy Committee
 - 6.2. Discussion on the Museum's 50th Community Campaign
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1. Discussion on the formation of a subcommittee to act as the Collection Committee
8. **Other Discussion/Information Items**
 - 8.1. Acknowledging the contributions of our dear friend, Ken Fetters
9. **Adjournment**

Meeting Attendance Information:

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

- To attend in person, the Museum address is 281 2nd Street, Independence, OR 97351.
- For Zoom login
visit:<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86457435256?pwd=j3sc5yNvj4KKh0pv0EjKuqOzCcWrIF.1>
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Museum Advisory Board Minutes – 8.13.2025 – 5:30 pm @ Museum– present: Vickie, Joe, Billy, Heath, Kathleen, Amy Christensen- Museum Director, Marilyn Morton – Council Liaison

Minutes approved from 7.9.2025 – motion made by Jasper, second by Billy - Visitors – Public Comment

Staff Report –

Curator's corner – with Elena Pena – Fiesta – Community Services video with Patrick and Amy – Wall Volunteer sign up – Booth @ fair, relationship with Chamber for 1/4ly exhibit at the Visitor's Center on 99. Victorian Parlor – Aug.20 and Airport exhibit Aug. 28 historic walking tour with Fred – 4:30 ending at a trolley stop. Neurodiversity Event on 9/16 workshop and host an art and craft for families. Hop and Heritage – 9/20 partnership – The Wall That Heals – Sept 18-21 Hill Family Reunion 9/21 @10am. Ghost Walk Oct. 4th. Spook Alley for Halloween – Military exhibit update – 9/17 with Braemar Charitable Trust Work

The new Museum Website is live now – soon to come a 360 tour is in the works, Ashley from the City IT has done the filming. Working on partnership with schools – Amy has designed a walking tour guide. This one is being an investigator of history. There will be a series coming. More grants in the works.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – Library Advocacy Meeting Update – none

Other Items

Wall That Heals – we need volunteers for the Education tours – so much going on – Starbucks will provide coffee and snacks for escort. Rhonda visited Rotary, and Dallas City Council – More speaking than Billy is used to, zoom meeting with channell12 and a podcast. Tomorrow afternoon video with Emanuel, played inside the trolleys. Will be going to visit the family of MM in PA. Lots of enthusiasm. Ruralife magazine, Statesman Journal, ODVA posting on FB as well. Monmouth Business Association. WOU Baseball team will be taking the takedown. Les Schwab will have 40 area managers for setups. Lyle Morehorst, Commissioner, set that up. 100 flyers to Les Schwab for area meeting. Boy Scouts maybe – for guides.

Information session for the Hop Festival,

September meeting – entertain a vote to cancel and Amy will send out an Email – conversation, if you have comments do not reply all. – Billy moved to Joe – cancelled.

Adjourned at 6:09

Submitted by Vickie McCubbin

Minutes for Museum Advisory Board meeting held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Meeting called to order @ 5: 32 pm.

In attendance: Vickie McCubbin, Jasper Smith, Joe Martinez, Victor Ochoa, Kathleen Dinges-Rice, Marilyn Morton, council liaison, and Amy Christensen, Museum Director. Billy is out of town and excused. Heath Lawson is absent.

Minutes from Regular Meeting 08/13/2025 – Minutes were not printed, so they were not available for a vote. They will be voted on at the December meeting. Vickie will send out minutes in advance, so members have an opportunity to preview them.

Visitors/Public Comment - None

Staff Reports/Presentations – There will be a series of Speakers sponsored by the Museum Society at Valkyrie with a suggested donation of \$20. The November event was speaker, Bob Oblack, geology and geography of the Willamette Valley of Oregon. Marilyn Morton will be presenting “Ghosts of Christmas Past: Independence Hauntings,” on Dec. 11. Traveling exhibits are being prepared for Central High School and the Civic Center. The transition to the City Website is taking place. Amy is also preparing a quarterly newsletter again. Two pop-ups are in place, one in the museum currently and one at the Chamber Visitor’s Center. Amy is also working on an outline for the 50 years celebration of the museum – Perhaps an outline of ideas by the month. Amy is looking for help and participation.

The Task Force for the Museum/Library/Parks will be appointed soon by Mayor Kate. The Advocacy and Promotion Committee may continue to meet intermittently. Vickie gave a brief handout condensing the first several chapters from an ALA book titled, Before the Ballot, which offers suggestions for voting on library/museum funding measures.

Museum's 50th Community Campaign – brief mention of desire to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the museum.

Collections Committee Business – Amy has not been making any deaccessioning decisions regarding items in the collection. At some point things will need to be cut back. Decisions will be fully transparent, with Board approval and conversations. Amy reassured the group that all will be documented and done with care. Vickie will look into bylaws to see if we can vote electronically. – Check to see if we need to amend bylaws for voting if necessary. Jasper has volunteered to help with contacting people and families if items are to be deaccessioned.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:13.

Submitted by Vickie McCubbin