

**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 50<sup>th</sup> 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