



City of Independence

**Museum Advisory Board
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 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 12/10/2025
 - 3.2. Regular Meeting 01/14/2026
4. **Visitors/Public Comment**
5. **Staff Report**
6. **Unfinished Business**
 - 6.1. Update on The Community Services and Advocacy Committees
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1. Election of Advisory Board Leadership for 2026
8. **Other Discussion/Information Items**
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/89653601771?pwd=mSmlAJDFa0rgBKUa7p6lpi5aSVlO5g.1>
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Minutes for Heritage Museum Advisory Board 12.10.2025 – Museum

Call to order @ 5:40 – delayed start, waiting for arrival of some members

Roll Call Vickie, Billy, Jasper, Kathleen, Marilyn, Council Liaison, Amy, Museum Director

– excused absent: Joe Martinez, Victor Ochoa - Heath was absent, still have a quorum.

Jasper will be out for January meeting.

Minutes from August and November 2025 approved. Moved to approve by Billy W.

second by Kathleen Visitors Public comment- none

Staff Report/Presentations – past and upcoming speakers, sponsored by Museum Society – Upcoming – Santa Train, Railroad Exhibit for Library, upcoming activities for 50 year anniversary of the museum, task force, Isis Theater Collection donation, and donation from Kathy Pomeroy, who recently passed.

Unfinished Business

6.1 Update on the Task Force and Advocacy Committee

Community Services & Parks Sustainability Committee will meet for the first time on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Members: Erin Seiler, Chair (budget committee) Jasper Smith, (Museum Board, and Parks Board) Vickie McCubbin, (Museum Board and Library Parks Board) Nathan Christiansen, (budget Committee and Library Board) and Bradley Karkanen. (Budget Committee and Library board) – Following are notes from the agenda:

Action Goal: Develop and forward a recommendation to the City Council regarding short-term and/or long-term, sustainable funding and operational models for the Library, Museum, and Parks.

To Consider

Short-Term Revenue Options, projections and timeline potential levy for voter consideration

Overview of potential Council-adopted fee. Possible fee structures and cost estimates.

Comparison to peer and regional city fees and levies

New Business:

7.1 Discussion – formation of a Collection Committee, a subcommittee, to

decide/discuss the disposition of some items in the museum and archives as the the move to the library and storage takes place. Vickie is interested, but a few people aren't here, will continue the discussion in future meetings, when more members are present.

Other Discussion Items

8.1 Acknowledging the contributions of our dear friend, Ken Fetters. Ken made many contributions as a Board member, a volunteer, and an advocate for the museum. Even during his illness, he constructed display containers that will be placed in the community. He will be missed. There will be a memorial service at his home in the future.

Adjourn @ 6:26. Submitted by Vickie McCubbin

Heritage Museum Advisory Board Minutes 1.14.2026

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 @ 5:30 PM --

1. Call to Order 5:34 introduction of new member Linda Layton

2. Roll Call – Vickie, Joe, and new member Linda Layton - Amy Christensen, Museum Director in attendance. Billy, Victor, Kathleen, not present, Marilyn Morton Council liaison out ill. Jasper – excused out of town.

Welcome to Linda Layton new member. Position #1 Kathleen Dinges Rice Expires: 12/31/2027 Position #2 Vickie McCubbin Expires: 12/31/2025 Position #3 Victor Ochoa Expires: 12/31/2026 Position #4 Billy Whisenant Expires: 12/31/2026 Position #5 Joe Martinez Expires: 12/31/2027 Position #6 resigned – Linda Layton Position #7 Jasper Smith

3. Minutes –cannot vote on minutes because there is not a quorum, Regular Meeting minutes for 12/10/2025 will be voted on next meeting

4. Visitors/Public Comment – Chris Primrose, museum volunteer. She is interested in joining the Board if an opening comes up.

5. Staff Reports/Presentations – Speaker series, upcoming Ron Rose, Feb 12 – Valsetz speaker. 2 past speakers. RR exhibit will be coming to the library. Feb. 1 Society will host an Open House – 50th anniversary – will be highlighted throughout the year. Adopt an artifact part of the event by the Museum Society Feb 1. – Historic Homes Roadshow have been successful – a third one coming out this week. New academic intern for 40 hours coming soon to help with the archives. Roof leaking issues in the military exhibit, a roofer is coming to repair. Applying for 3 separate grants with the City Grant Writer.

6. Unfinished Business -

6.1 Advocacy Committee – has not met, will continue after more is decided by task force

6.2. Discussion on the Museum’s 50th Community Campaign

6.3. Update on The Community Services & Parks Committee meetings -- Met on January 8.

The task force will be Differing scenarios for the amount of the fee were discussed. It was agreed that we would meet again on Jan. 22nd to finalize plans for a fee and have a meeting at the City Council Work Session on Jan. 29th.

7. New Business

7.1. Resignation of Heath Lawson, Joe Martinez and Vickie McCubbin have reapplied for the renewal of their terms.

7.2 Board Elections – President and potential Secretary.- postponed - no quorum.

8. Other Discussion/Information Items

Memorial for Ken Feters on Feb. 28, at his home – from 1 to 4:00 pm

Friends of the Library event hosted at the Museum from noon to 2:00 pm Saturday, Feb. 28

9. Adjournment @ 6:00 pm. – submitted by Vickie McCubbin