

Museum Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @ 5:30 PM Museum Mtg Room

1. Call to Order @ 5:33

2. Roll Call – Amy Christensen, Museum Director, Marilyn Morton, Council liaison, Vickie McCubbin, Billy Whisenant, Joe Martinez, Jasper Smith, Kathleen Dinges-Rice, Linda Layton – Absent Victor Ochoa.

3. Minutes Motion made by – Kathleen, second by Joe to approve minutes - approved

3.1. Regular Meeting 03/11/2026

4. Visitors/Public Comment Chris Primrose

5. Staff Reports/Presentations – travel Oregon gave the museum a nod, Community Foundation Grant awarded, Grand Marshal for the 4th of July Parade
Barbara Porter, Olive industry in the Valley – Community Quilt Project with Rotary and Friends of the Community Parks, Walking Tour – Historic Past on website is up and running. Amy is going to Oregon Heritage Conference (funded with a grant) Another Historic Homes Roadshow filmed yesterday. Oddities Auction – silent and live auction. Wacky, fun, odd. John McCardle will be the auctioneer. End of May Professor Jensen speaking at the Civic Center. April, 27 RR exhibit opening at the library, \$500 donation for that exhibit. Ken F. had made the exhibit box. Rotary, Community Parks, and Museum – exhibit on how the Winter Olympics 1976 – connected. Many research requests. And application for Kathleen’s non-profit. Budget season – coming up. MI Story night in May. – about 800 words about the Independence community, Speaker series. June – Dennis Sebring – Cherries.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Update on The Community Services and Advocacy Committees – Ask people to come to Budget Committee Meetings – Council. Emma Christensen has been making a demo – explanation of how to speak at a public meeting.

6.2. Discussion on a liaison from the Heritage Museum Society – Now through May Society focusing on everything possible to support the museum – right here, right now. Remind the community that “we are here.” – The last Friday in April for the next Board meeting. The more people involved the better – Marilyn felt that they would like to have a board representative there. Amy would like to have it included on the agenda. Chris Primrose, when she comes on board would be willing to attend the Society Meetings.

7. New Business

7.1. Election of Advisory Board Secretary – no nominations

7.2. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member, Billy Whisenant

8. Other Discussion/Information Items

9. Adjournment @ 6:07 pm.

Submitted by Vickie McCubbin