



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes
July 28, 2022 - Fort Garland
2-3:30pm

The Board of Directors of History Colorado (a/k/a The Colorado Historical Society) ("HC") met in person and via virtual conference Thursday, July 28, 2022. Present were directors: Tamra J. Ward, Cathey McClain Finlon, Marco Abarca, Aaron Abeyta, Rich Benenson, Kim MacDonnell, Donna Lynne (virtual), and Mary Sullivan (virtual).

HC staff & guests in attendance: Dawn DiPrince, Luis Colón, Eric Carpio, virtually: Bob Musgraves, Christine Staberg, Cathy Stroh, Jason Hanson, Skip Spear, Shannon Joern; and Dianne Brown served as recording secretary.

Ward called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. DiPrince read the Land Acknowledgement. Ward gave the chair report and welcomed the new board members. Lynne motioned to approve the May 25, 2022 minutes; Benenson 2nd; motion carried.

Legislative Update - Staberg provided legislative updates noting that two budget requests were submitted - one to increase HC spending authority; and spending and permission to sell North storage and El Pueblo property with the intent to use those funds towards the purchase of a new facility. Capital requests were submitted to Higher Education before going to the Office of State Planning and Budgeting. The implementation of HB21-1110 provides \$135K in 2023 & \$1.8M in 2024 to make our database ADA compliant; \$52M capital request for new storage partnership with state archives. Resubmitted Grant Humphreys exterior repairs request for \$4.3M and \$700K for regional preservation properties cash spending authority. Additionally, requests for Fort Garland and Georgetown Loop repairs have been submitted.

Executive Director Update - DiPrince provided the Executive Director report. She noted that the Sand Creek Massacre Exhibition opens November 18 with a private Tribal and descendent opening and November 19 is the public opening reception. HC is leading research efforts to better understand specific Federal Indian Boarding School history in Colorado. We are celebrating Colorado Day on August 1 and Centennial Farms & Ranches on August 26, and we launched the Black Heritage Trail App.

Facilities Update - Sullivan gave a facilities update reiterating the importance of our collections care request. The current building is in disrepair and we need to relocate our collection before we experience significant damages. The real estate committee has identified some buildings for consideration and continues to work on this.



Archaeology and Historic Preservation Committee - Musgraves presented the proposed changes to the Archaeology and Historic Preservation Committee Charter. He touched on two of the most significant changes: name change and board membership. It's proposed that the committee change its name to the *Preservation Programs Committee*; and the committee be no less than 5 members, of which 3 shall be members of the History Colorado Board. There are other minor changes proposed to the charter. Finlon motioned to approve; Abarca 2nd, motion carried.

State Mini Grants - Eidman presented a request for delegation of authority for staff approval of mini grants up to \$50K in addition to an increase in percentage to 75% general, 15% mini grants, 10% non competitive grants with flexibility to adjust amounts to enable the program to run successfully and efficiently. Sullivan motioned to approve delegation authority to staff to approve mini grants up to \$50K. Finlon 2nd; motion carried.

Financial Update - Colón gave the financial report for period 11 noting that overall, History Colorado is in a strong financial position, expecting an operating surplus and carrying a healthy reserve of approximately \$5M. We will continue to watch education and programming as it is anticipated we will end the year behind budget due to decreased attendance and admissions. The gift shop and other sales will end the year much higher than expected in all locations as will Philanthropy and Membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.