

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HISTORY COLORADO
April 7, 2016

A meeting of the Colorado Historical Society (History Colorado/HC) Board of Directors was held at 7:30 am at the Grant Humphreys Mansion on April 7, 2016. Present were directors Marco Abarca, Cathey Finlon, Ken Lund, Bob Musgraves, Rick Pederson, Ann Pritzlaff and Charlie Woolley. History Colorado staff in attendance were Steve Turner, Michelle Zale and Tara Phillips. Also attending were Mavis Kacena, Volunteer Council President, and Ed Ellis, volunteer. Sherry Lestina served as recording secretary.

Ann Pritzlaff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:31 am and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

On motion by Woolley, seconded by Pederson, the Consent Agenda was approved.
(Attachment A)

Chair Update:

- Pritzlaff reported that staff is currently working on a budget for FY2016-17.
- At a recent meeting of the Exhibit Development Team, a preliminary 5 year exhibit plan and calendar was reviewed. This plan will be shared with the Board at a future meeting.

Deputy Executive Director Update:

- Turner showed a portion of the Museum Dance-Off video that was recently submitted to the When You Work at a Museum competition. He will share the link and voting information. The effort was very positive from a staff morale standpoint.
- A copy of the full planning calendar for the balance of 2016 that encompasses all divisions was shared with the Board. (Attachment B) The proposed exhibit calendar will be reviewed in greater detail at a future meeting.
- The Denver Art Museum continues to be very interested in collaborating on an exhibit with HC that would be displayed in the 4th floor gallery. Details regarding security, insurance, admission fees, etc. are still in negotiation.
- The *Awkward Family Photos* exhibit, which opens in June, will have a companion Colorado exhibit featuring the works of three Colorado photographers. HC would like to extend *Awkward Family Photos* through December 2016. The cost for this extension is \$8,000. There are funds remaining from the previous allocations for the 4th floor artifact case and the Bent's Fort exhibit change to cover the cost of the extension. *Awkward Family Photos* is the last traveling exhibit under contract. On motion by Musgraves, seconded by Finlon, the Board approved the reallocation of the unused funds previously allocated to pay for the 4th Floor exhibit case and the modification of the Bent's Fort exhibit to pay instead for the extension of *Awkward Family Photos* through December 2016.

- Given its location, the new 4th floor exhibit case will display items related to fine dining and entertainment from the Pearce McAllister Cottage. The case should be ready for installation next week. The Bent's Fort exhibit changes are 75% complete and should be completed in the near future.
- Tryba Architects have developed a more refined proposal for possible changes to the History Colorado Center building to enhance its utility. (Attachment C) KM is very interested in the concept of a "grab and go" snack/coffee bar to go in the current location of the diorama in the main lobby. Woolley, Pederson, Musgraves, and Finlon will study the proposal.
- In connection with any changes to the scope of KM's activities, the Board would like to take a closer look at the KM contract and revenues.
- Turner and Burlile met with the Boettcher Foundation this week. Boettcher asked HC to submit a proposal for \$25,000 for the Ute Indian Museum exhibit fund. They also met with the Gates Family Foundation a few weeks ago and will also meet with the El Pomar Foundation soon. Pederson asked if we should be reserving these Foundations for a larger ask for possible architectural changes. Turner expressed his view that we could still go back to these Foundations for that sort of support, but they are very interested in funding a project on the Western Slope at this time, so the ask for the Ute Museum is very timely

Auditor Exit Conference: Jeffrey Kahn, Kerri Hunter, Bryan Brune and Henry Hung from the auditor's office joined the meeting. See Attachment D for additional information. The Board would like to continue to meet with the auditors for the annual entrance and exit interviews. The most recent financial audit was very positive with no deficiencies noted and just two minor items called out for attention in the management letter. After the full state audit is published in June, would like to do some publicity and outreach about the positive results. The Board met separately with the auditors outside the presence of management and subsequently reported that the auditors had only positive things to report.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34am.