

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HISTORY COLORADO
May 05, 2016

A meeting of the Colorado Historical Society (History Colorado/HC) Board of Directors was held at 8:00 am at the History Colorado Center on May 05, 2016. Present were directors Marco Abarca, Cathey Finlon, Bob Musgraves, Rick Pederson, Ann Pritzlaff, Chris Tetzeli, and Tamra Ward. History Colorado staff in attendance were Steve Turner and Dawn DiPrince. Sherry Lestina served as recording secretary.

Ann Pritzlaff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:02 am and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Chair update:

- The Executive Director search is continuing. A meeting was held last week to discuss the search strategy.
- Pritzlaff, Finlon and Abarca are looking at the expectations regarding the working relationship with the State Historian.

Development: On motion by Finlon, seconded by Pederson, the Board approved the Bequest Policy and the Gift Acceptance Policy. (Attachment A)

Deputy Executive Director Update:

- Turner presented his vision for the future of History Colorado. (Attachment B)
- Turner suggested establishing a “friends” group to assist with our philanthropic goals and needs. This could help strengthen the development team. The new Director of Exhibits Development will help build up the exhibits team.
- Updates for the Board, May 5, 2016. (Attachment C)
- Reviewed the attached financial information (Attachment D). The KM contract expires summer 2017. Internal discussions are being held regarding some points that we may want to negotiate prior to potentially signing a new contract with KM.
- The DAM will use the lower level gallery for storage of items that do not require a climate controlled space in 2017. Therefore, the Scholastic Art Show, which had been held in the lower level gallery, will be shown in the atrium instead.
- Ute Museum construction continues. EDX has been contracted to design exhibits at UIM. <http://www.edxseattle.com/> The IMLS grant continues to look favorable as they have asked for additional information several times.

Community Museum Planning Update:

- Dawn DiPrince, Director of Community Museums, made a presentation to the Board about the Community Museums. In introducing her, Turner noted that DiPrince started with HC three years ago and has made great strides with all the museums. She is trying to use the Community Museums to serve the very diverse communities where they are located. (Attachment E)

- On motion by Finlon, seconded by Ward, the Board approved the name change of the Fort Garland Museum to the Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center. New names for Byers-Evans and Trinidad are also under consideration.
- GTLRR is not included in any of the Community Museum plans as the GTLRR is a historic site, not a Community Museum.

Other Business: Abarca represented History Colorado at National History Day and presented HC's two prizes, one to a middle school student and one to a high school student. He was very impressed with the program and highly recommends attending.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.