

County of El Dorado

Historical Museum Commission



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EL DORADO COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION MARCH 4, 2022 MINUTES

This meeting was held as a combination Zoom and In-Person in the Library at 345 Fair Lane, Placerville.

- 1) Call to Order – 3:03 PM by Vice Chairman Don Uelmen. Commissioners present: Don Uelmen, Dee Owens, Barbara Raines, Keith Berry, Pam Hupner, Frank Jacobi; Staff present: Carolyn Brooks, Library Director; Mary Cory, Museum Administrator.
- 2) Approve: *Library Department recommending the Commission, as a result of ongoing concerns related to COVID-19, approve the following teleconference findings pursuant to Government Code subsection 5453(e)(3) in order to allow for the continued use of virtual commission meetings as authorized under Assembly Bill 361: 1) Pursuant to Government Code subsections 5453(e)(3)(A) and (e)(3)(B)(ii), the committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency resulting from COVID-19; and 2) the El Dorado County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing, as documented in the September 30, 2021 “Public Health Officer’s Recommendations for Safe Board and Commission Meetings During COVID-19 Pandemic.”* - Approved
- 3) Approve the minutes of January 7, 2022 - Approved
- 4) Report from Staff
 - a) The County Fair is scheduled for June 16-19, and Mary plans to have the Museum open.
 - b) Fair Board meeting, April 6 – Mary plans to meet with the new Fair Director, and will attend the board meeting if invited. It was recommended to go to the board meeting with a commissioner.
 - c) Plans for volunteer recruitment and training – Mary reported that she is looking for docents to recruit and will comply with the county requirements for background checks and training.
 - d) Status of Museum sign for Fairgrounds side-no report
 - e) Removal of the Westside & Cherry Valley Railroad drovers caboose – Mary reported that the Yosemite Sugar Pine Railroad purchased the caboose and will be transporting it next week. The caboose does not have a history in the County, was not part of the County Museum collection, and the funds go to the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation
- 5) Collections Committee
 - a) Georgetown Gazette stained glass window, offered by Angels Camp Museum - Accepted
 - b) Diamond Lime Company chain elevator parts, offered by a friend of Ed Cunha’s - Accepted
 - c) Phyllis Rupley Snyder’s El Dorado Rose dresses (2) and accessories, offered by her daughter in law Paulette Trainor - Accepted
 - d) Doll bed, gramophone, 1890s leather women’s pair of shoes, etc. from Lois Schroth’s estate; Bob Schroth’s Volunteer Fire Department items, all offered by Suzanne Schroth Milton - Accepted
 - e) Framed reprints (8) of historic Placerville offered by Jack Winkler – Accepted as “props” and can be loaned to county offices.
- 6) Discussion and Action Items
 - a) Approve El Dorado Western Railroad Strategic Plan - Approved

- 7) Museum Program Updates
 - a) El Dorado Western Railroad projects – Keith reported on public operations; an Eagle Scout project to put historical signs along the tracks; new railroad volunteers; security fencing is being constructed to protect the track equipment in El Dorado; caboose #1094 is getting air brakes reinstalled; annual Operating Safety training conducted last week.
 - b) Research Room
 - i) Save the Graves Memorial Day event – Mary had been doing research for this event at the El Dorado Cemetery; however, the Buried History Committee decided to cancel this, and concentrate on the October event at the Placerville Union Cemetery.
 - ii) Cemetery Brochure – Mary is working with Supervisor Parlin on a brochure of county cemeteries. Barbara recommends that there be a brochure for all cemeteries.
 - iii) Historical materials in binders collected by Lois Schroth will be added to the Research Room resources.
 - c) Exhibits and Tours, real and virtual – Mary will be giving a presentation on the Women of Influence to the Sierra Renaissance Society in two weeks.
- 8) Museum Commissioner Comments
- 9) Public Forum - none
- 10) Adjournment at 4:20 PM.

Mary Cory, Museum Administrator