

Capitola Historical Museum
Museum Board of Trustees Meeting

March 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Peyton at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were: Trustee Enrique Dolmo, Trustee Brian Legakis, Trustee Emmy Mitchell-Lynn, and Trustee Roger Wyant. Also, present were Youth Representative Juliette Thompson and Museum Curator Deborah Osterberg.

Absent: Trustee Mary Hay and Trustee Gordon van Zuiden.

Guest: Owen Lawson

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Guest Owen Lawson presented an update on the museum landscape plan.

Trustee Legakis mentioned the bad traffic around Capitola (due to construction and Capitola Avenue closure) and announced that he would miss the

April Board meeting. The Board recognized that meetings will return to 5:30 p.m. since the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of February 1, 2024. President Peyton asked if everyone had a chance to review the draft of the minutes and if there are any corrections. Seeing none, the following action was taken:

ACTION: Trustee Mitchell-Lynn moved to accept the minutes as presented and was seconded by Trustee Legakis with the minutes accepted as presented.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CURATOR

A. President Peyton thanked those who assisted the Museum Curator in setting up the new exhibition. He thanked Trustee Wyant for assisting him in making the tent frames and Trustee Legakis for making the stereo viewer platform. President Peyton also thanked the Board members who assisted with setting up and attending the Volunteer Training event in February. There was a brief discussion about when the demolition would begin on the Wharf House (possibly March 11). Thanks were given to Trustee Legakis for providing pizza for the meeting. Trustee Dolmo offered to bring pizza to the next Board meeting.

B. Per Curator Osterberg, Volunteer Marilyn Chapin placed on loan for the new exhibition a 1983 commemorative piece of the Capitola Wharf and a Welsh Love Spoon. The Curator tried to make administrator changes to our Volgistics account but was unable to do so. President Peyton said he would speak with Niels Kisling. The Curator stated that the Capitola Historical Museum was asked to be a co-sponsor of the 2024 Santa Cruz County History Fair being hosted by the Santa Cruz Mission State Park on May 18th. She asked which Board members would be interested in assisting with a table at the event. Trustees Wyant, Peyton and Thompson responded. The event

will be outdoors but the state park will provide canopies and a table (with the \$30 registration).

The Curator checked with Board members on what snacks and beverages they planned to bring for the museum reception on March 16th.

Please see previously attached reports for a complete Curator's Report.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Landscape Update – Guest: Owen Lawson (Due to his crew being present and still working on the landscape project, Owen gave his update at the beginning of the meeting – (See Above 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS)).

5. B. Consider a contract with the Amah Mutsun Land Trust for planting the remainder of the Native plant garden.

There was discussion of how much to authorize for a contract with the Amah Mutsun Land Trust to complete the Native plant garden planting. The Museum Curator felt that the Land Trust was best suited to safely plant the Native plants and that an agreement would be beneficial for promoting relations with the tribe. Trustee Mitchell-Lynn felt that though promoting relations with the tribe was a positive goal for the museum, any contract should be made if it is felt that having the Land Trust complete the planting would be more beneficial to the garden than doing it ourselves. A motion to vote on the Not to Exceed (NTE) amount of a contract was made by Trustee Mitchell-Lynn and seconded by Trustee Dolmo.

Action: A vote was taken that contract with the Amah Mutsun Land Trust for planting Native plants was NTE \$3,000. A vote was taken and was unanimously carried. The Board authorized the Curator to prepare a list of plants for the Land Trust to formulate an estimate.

5. C. Stipend for travel expenses of Amah Mutsun Tribal member attendance at the museum reception on March 16th – proposed \$300

The Curator asked that the Board consider a vote on making donations to the Amah Mutsun Land Trust of \$300 for travel expenses for Trust members to attend and speak at the 2024 exhibition opening reception on March 16th and \$50 for obtaining six soap root plants for the Native plant garden. Trustee Mitchell-Lynn motioned for a vote and Trustee Legakis seconded. A vote was taken and was unanimously carried.

5. D. Curator proposal of a stipend (\$50 gift certificate) for Melanie Shaffer Freitas for her talk on the Venetian Court. A vote was taken and was unanimously carried.

5.E. The Curator reported on the Board members and Volunteers who assisted her in setting up the 2024 exhibition. President Peyton agreed to paint and stencil the additional "Capitola Sign" needed. The Curator stated that the repositioning of the museum sign would take place on Wednesday.

5.F. The Curator promised to provide Trustee Mitchell-Lynn with wording for the Ann Thiermann painting postcard. The Curator apologized for forgetting to select potential postcard images for the Board to review.

5.G. Discussion of which Board members could assist on the Volunteer Clean Up day on March 9th.

5.H. Museum Board meeting time change (See Above 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS).

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Volunteer Committee

See previous comments.

B. City Safety Committee

Nothing to report.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Capitola Museum Board of Trustees will adjourn to its next regular meeting, to be held on March 7, 2024, at 5:00pm. The meeting will be held in-person in the Community Room (masks highly recommended) at the Capitola City Hall located at 420 Capitola Avenue. A Motion was made by Trustee Mitchell-Lynn and seconded by Trustee Wyant and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Deborah Osterberg, Acting Secretary.