

Capitola Historical Museum
Museum Board of Trustees Meeting
May 2, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was call to order by President Dave Peyton at 5:35 pm. Board members were Emmy Mitchell-Lynn, David Peyton, Mary Hay, Roger Wyant and Brian Legakis. Also present was Museum Curator Deborah Osterberg. Absent/Excused were Board Member Gordon van Zuiden and Youth Representative Juliette Thompson.

2. ORAL COMUNICATIONS

Brian mentioned the following:

- London has special and unique places and ideas.
- Other Museums in various locations have no problem with volunteers as City residents step up to assist.
- He also mentioned that he will be absent for the next meeting on June 6, as he will be out of town.
- The Trestle is in communication talks with the Rail Trail as it's the only one that's designated a National Historical Monument. Discussion ensued regarding the issues (pros and cons) regarding its historical impact. If a train is allowed from Watsonville to Davenport, 13 to 18 Trestles would need to be replaced. At this point Emmy started a discussion on input on re-design. History shifting? Dimensions needed for models of the Wharf and Trestle. Possibly an engineering plan?
- Measure D coming to and end in a few years, which supports the base structure. Brian asked if we think the community will have a large reaction? We need to maintain the integrity of the town.

Roger mentioned that following:

- That the surrounding Rispin Mansion wall is being repaired and lowered in some locations.
- Two things in town are gone since our last meeting, The Capitola Avenue Overpass and the Rispin Mansion wall (only a portion).
- He also mentioned a YouTube Video about a Nature Center (Riparian Corridor) from Davenport to Watsonville.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Consider Minutes of April 4, 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 was taken: ACTION: Trustee Legakis moved to accept and was seconded by Trustee Wyant with the minutes being accepted as presented.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CURATOR

A. President Peyton reported that he and Niels are ready for the Annual Memorial Day Barbeque!

B. Curator Osterberg reported attending the Ceremony at the MAH for the plaque. She discussed having postcards, stamps for postcards and a rubber stamp made. She also asked for volunteers for the Beach Festival Float. (For a full report, be sure to refer to the attachments sent with the meeting packet.

C. President Peyton has recruited two new volunteers: Judy Block and Mary O'Neill. This year's visitor report noted 476 visitors this year. Last year had 610. The drop in attendance is attributed to the inclement weather.

Curator Osterberg suggested a people counter for Museum, Bath House and Cottage. She and Dave also suggested opening at 10:00 am to catch the "Early Birds" going to the beach. Brian suggested having a Locals Open House in early to mid-October. Deborah will be going around to the

businesses in the village to give them a poster for their window. Also Chloe with the City has a system to do a survey.

5. BUSINESS

- A. We were asked to participate in the July 31 Beach Concert by having a table, which focuses on Capitola's 75th Anniversary, at Esplanade Park
- B. Spring Newsletter to go out by/on May 18th
- C. Approval of new postcards and text
- D. Approval of new exhibit for Bathhouse
- E. Reminder that Form 700 must be completed by all board members

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion on the benefits of alternate board members vs. expanding the overall number of board members. Curator will speak with her supervisor and other city personnel regarding board expansion. This action is being considered because of the need to support a variety of additional activities that require active support from the board.

There were no reports regarding the Volunteer Committee or the Safety Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Capitola Museum Board of Trustees will adjourn to its next regular meeting, to be held on June 6, 2024 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held in-person in the Community Room (masks highly recommended) at Capitola City Hall located at 420 Capitola Avenue. Motion made by Board Trustee Emmy Lynn-Mitchell and seconded by Board Member Roger Wyant and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Hay, Board Secretary