

Mendocino County Museum

ADVISORY BOARD

May 10, 2023, Minutes - Approved

Museum Advisory Board Members:

Brent Walker, Third District Representative, Museum Advisory Board Chair

Rebecca Montes, Mendocino College Representative, Museum Advisory Board Vice-Chair

David Poma, Historical Society of Mendocino County Representative

Greta Kanne, City of Willits Representative

Bruce Patterson, Roots of Motive Power Representative

Jim Eddie, First District Representative

Neeka Aguirre, Second District Representative

Deb Fader-Samson, CSA Director

Vacancy, Fourth District Representative

Vacancy, Fifth District Representative

Guests:

Karen Mattson, Museum Administrator

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 9:37 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Rebecca Montes, David Poma, Brent Walker, Jim Eddie, and Neeka Aguirre
Not in attendance: Deb Fader Sampson, Bruce Patterson, Greta Kane
4. **Consent Items--Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** David Poma made a motion to approve, and Rebecca seconded the motion.
5. **Public Expression:** N/A
6. **Administrator's Report**

Karen Mattson provided the following updates:

- The Museum Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 9.
- The transfer of the Bittenbender Endowment to the Community Foundation was also approved May 9.
- The Museums Education Collection Wagon will be on display at the Willits Car show for Memorial Day weekend.
- An E. Commercial Summer Artwalk series is planned for the first Saturday of July, August, and September. The Museum will host a variety of events and activities.
- There will be multiple family events held over the summer related to the current Gadgets Galore exhibit. Jim Eddie suggested more community involvement to

share stories and reflect on local history. David Poma suggested more publicity and to submit information to the Ukiah Daily Journal.

7. New Business

A discussion about the possible need for advocacy for the Mendocino County Museum at the upcoming budget hearing was discussed. It was determined that the MAB would stay alert and would meet if action was needed.

Friends Update: There are subcommittees for membership, fundraising and planning being formed. There is also a general meeting being planned for the community and potential and current “Friends.” More information to follow.

8. Old Business

a) Roots Update: County Counsel has approved the current version of the MOU. There are two changes that need to be revisited.

b) Discussion was held about the July MAB meeting. Everyone was in favor of keeping the scheduled meeting date. Neeka announced that she will not be in attendance due to a travel conflict. Karen Mattson reminded everyone that there may be new MAB member representing the 4th District in place by July.

9. Next MAB meeting will be held July 12, 2023, in the Wonacott Room.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 10:20