Minutes of the
Collections, Library, and Archives Committee of the
Board of Directors of the Arizona Historical Society
20 May 2021
Virtual Meeting

Mission: Connecting people through the power of Arizona’s history.

1. Call to Order – Greg Scott, Committee Chair

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on Zoom

2. Roll call (Quorum) –
Present Virtually:
Greg Scott
Christine Marin
Holly Young
Janice Bryson
Valerie Welsh-Tahbo
Absent: Greg McNamee
Staff Present: James Burns, Patricia Norman, Rebekah Pericval

3. Call to the Public – Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. Those wishing to address the Board need not request permission in advance. Presentations will be limited to five minutes. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the rescheduling of the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

No members of the public present

4. Discussion and action, if any, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting

Janice Bryson moved that the minutes be approved as circulated; Christine Marin seconded; all approved.

5. Tabah Percival gave a presentation of progress on addressing collections related findings in the sunset review.
   - Completed our reaccreditation review and virtual site visits.
   - Working on vacating the Downtown History Museum, Fort Lowell, and Riordan Mansion State Park. Trish Norman and her team have gotten collections completely out of Fort Lowell. Will be out of the Downtown History Museum by Memorial Day. Just a few large objects left to move. Collections staff will be in Flagstaff over the next few weeks to move collections in preparation for some facilities projects that will be taking place: roof replacement and electrical work.
● Working on updating paperwork in accessioning and deaccessioning as well as inventorying.
● Received grant from BNSF to do an online exhibition of Southern Pacific items from the archives and artifact collections.
● Helping exhibitions team with opening new exhibits - Ready to Launch space exhibit in Tucson, photography exhibit in Tempe, and soon a new Flagstaff permanent exhibition in the upstairs of the Pioneer Museum.

6. Review, discussion, and recommendations, regarding proposed deaccession of three dimensional collections.

Bryson moved to recommend deaccession of the items presented in the PowerPoint to the committee; Welsh-Tahbo seconded. Call for discussion: none. All approved.

7. Announcements.
Marin has spoken with staff at the Arizona Capitol Museum. They are bringing in the Delores Huerta exhibition. The checklist for the exhibit has not yet been finalized. Marin stressed the importance of having a short handle hoe on display. AHS has a short handle hoe in its collection. Could the Arizona Capitol Museum borrow from AHS? Marin will work with AHS staff on the loan request.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Dated this 24th day of May 2021.

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Gregory Scott, Committee Chair

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