



# ***Historical Museum Advisory Board***

## ***Agenda***

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
Library Meeting Room  
951 Spruce Street  
6:30 PM**

**“Be a Part of the Story: Connect and Share in the Heart of Louisville”**

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- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of agenda

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- IV. Approval of minutes for the March 18, 2026 regular meeting – *see attached draft*
- V. Public comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- VI. Report from liaison from the Historic Preservation Commission. Sloane Whidden (3 minutes)
- VII. Updates on City Projects - Brandi Cummings, Director of Cultural Services
  - A. HMAB budget request
  - B. Other City project updates
- VIII. Updates on Museum – Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor
  - A. Museum Services Supervisor’s written report – *see attached memo*
  - B. Museum buildings and campus
  - C. Updates on Museum operations & projects
  - D. Approval of Deeds of Gifts from donors
  - E. Advice sought on donations of other artifacts being offered
- IX. HMAB Work Plan for 2026
  - A. Council work session with Board – July 14
  - B. Volunteer and community engagement opportunities
    - i. Louisville Lens Opening - September 4
    - ii. Joint meeting with LHF – November 18
  - C. Next HMAB meeting
- X. Chair’s Report
- XI. Commission comments & discussion items for next meeting (July 15, 2026)
- XII. Adjourn

# ***Historical Museum Advisory Board***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

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- I. Call to order at 6:30 pm
- II. Roll call — Jeanette Bangs, David Hosansky, Eric Lenderman, Scott McElroy, Barbara Taylor, Joe Teasdale, erika winter

Also in attendance: Gigi Yang, Brandi Cummings, Sloane Whidden

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- III. Approval of agenda — Approved 7-0
- IV. Approval of minutes for the January 21, 2026 regular meeting – see *attached draft* — Approved 7-0
- V. Public comments on Items Not on the Agenda — No public comments
- VI. Report from liaison from the Historic Preservation Commission. Sloane Whidden (3 minutes) — Historic Preservation Commission approved funding for grain elevator at last meeting. Plans for grain elevator to be turned into an entertainment venue and gathering place. Sloane mentioned the shortage of skilled workers to maintain older structures.
- VII. Updates on City Projects - Brandi Cummings, Director of Cultural Services
  - A. Council and Board Work Session changes.
  - B. HMAB budget requests — The Board voted, 7-0, to approve a resolution directing the museum to send a memo to City Council requesting an increase in museum staff hours. The memo will present three scenarios:
    - Turn one of the museum’s three part-time positions into a full-time position, or
    - Turn one of the part-time positions into a 32/hour per week position with benefits, or
    - Increase all three part-time positions from 25 hours to 29 hours per week.
  - Brandi also discussed the potential for the museum to be a downtown economic engine.
  - C. Cultural Services Strategic Plan update – Cultural services survey will be launched in May instead of April.
  - D. Other City project updates – Brandi discussed city plans to purchase 101 Taylor and the potential for additional storage for the museum.
- VIII. Updates on Museum – Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor
  - A. Museum Services Supervisor’s written report – see *attached memo*
  - B. Museum buildings and campus – Gigi summarized various maintenance and upgrades, including rebuilding the front porch of Tomeo House with period-specific spindles and adding new railings and spindles to the Jordinelli House
  - C. Updates on Museum operations & projects
    - i. New staff - Two new staff will start March 24. SCFD funding plus internship funds will enable the hiring of an intern for eight months to help with collections backlog
    - ii. Sesquisemi program updates – First history happy hour was held on Monday. Museum launched history passport, with prizes for going to those who attend six events.

- D. Approval of Deeds of Gifts from donors – The Board voted, 7-0, to approve the deeds of gifts.
  - i. American Legion – three safety lamps found in cellar of American Legion building
  - ii. Betty Buffo – bronze cast of coal miner sculpture
  - iii. Barbara Clements – two class photos of second grade from Louisville High School, c. 1929
  - iv. Lynn Johnson – 35 digital photos taken before and after the Marshall Fire from doner’s home in Louisville
  - v. Lewis Lombardi – two blank receipts from Lombardi Style Shop on the 900 block of Main St. in the 1940s.
  - vi. Jean Morgan – Memorial program for John Breaux; newspaper clippings about John Breaux for Museum files
  - vii. Bob Murphy – digital recording of Labor Day parade and festivities in 1984.
  - viii. OTHER: accepted for the collection from Police Department – Digital scans of issues of the Colorado Policeman – sections on Louisville; Victor Helberg Memorial brochure; 1983 City of Louisville annual report; scanned images of two police court ledgers c. 1890-1040s.
- E. Advice sought on donations of other artifacts being offered - none
- IX. HMAB Work Plan for 2026
  - A. Volunteer and community engagement opportunities – Gigi will be sending sign-ups for Farmers Market and other events.
    - i. Council Meeting for Sesquisemi invitation – Scott will attend.
    - ii. Farmers market
    - iii. National History Day – April 25
    - iv. Joint meeting with LHF - August
  - B. Photo Reproduction Policy review – see attached – Gigi discussed updating the policy and prices.
  - C. Council workshops with Board – July 14
- X. Chair’s Report
- XI. Commission comments & discussion items for next meeting (May 20, 2026)
- XII. Adjourn – The Board voted, 7-0, to adjourn. At 7:50



## Memorandum

To: Historical Museum Advisory Board  
From: Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor  
Date: May 20, 2026  
Re: Museum Services Supervisor's Report

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This Spring, Museum staff were busy representing the Museum and Louisville in multiple professional capacities. Allison Tucker and Eilish Brennan participated in judging middle school and high school level history projects for National History Day. Allison attended the regional competition and Eilish attended the State Competition. The Louisville History Foundation funds the Louisville Historical Museum Award which is awarded at the State Competition. The LHM Award recognizes the best senior and junior level projects that highlight events in history related to mining, labor rights, or immigration – all themes central to the history of Louisville. The projects do not have to be specifically related to Louisville but can reflect historical trends that mirror Louisville's development. This year, the award winners were:

- Senior Level - Gustavo Batlle from Fairview High School for his documentary, "[The Taste of Exile: How the Cuban Diaspora Revolutionized Miami Through its Cuisine.](#)"
- Junior Level – Riley Queen, Jack Cavanaugh, Frederick Clay, and Ellie Maguire from Escalante Middle School for their group performance, "The Jungle: A Horrific View into Meat Packing Conditions, Changing Government's Role in the Food Industry."
- Honorable Mention – Ava Fisher from Escalante Middle School for her performance, "The Union Forever" on the striking miners of Trinidad, Colorado.

Thank you to HMAB member erika winter and Museum volunteer Jeff Bradley, for providing additional feedback on the nominated history projects.

Kira Boatright and Gigi Yang attended the Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums (CWAM) annual conference in April. Along with former Museum Associate, Sophia Imperoli, they gave a well-attended presentation on the different styles, content format, and media that the Museum offers for walking tours. Gigi Yang also attended the Indigenous Connections Summit and gained valuable information about working with Native artists, creating a culture of consultation, and developing Sister City relationships with Native tribes.

The History Happy Hour series is off to a good start with 80 people attending the first three events. We continue additional partnerships with Rocky Mountain Tap & Garden, Gravity Brewing, and The Simon for Happy Hour events over the summer. We are looking forward to increased community engagement with HMAB and LHF at upcoming Farmer's Market, First Friday, and sesquisemi events.