



Historical Museum Advisory Board

Agenda

**Wednesday, March 18, 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 January 21, 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. Council and Board Work Session changes
 - B. HMAB budget requests
 - C. Cultural Services Strategic Plan update
 - D. 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
 - i. New staff
 - ii. Sesquisemi program updates
 - 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. Volunteer and community engagement opportunities
 - i. Council Meeting for Sesquisemi invitation
 - ii. Farmers market
 - iii. National History Day – April 25
 - iv. Joint meeting with LHF - August
 - B. Photo Reproduction Policy review – *see attached*
 - C. Council workshops with Board – July 14
- X. Chair's Report
- XI. Commission comments & discussion items for next meeting (May 20, 2026)
- XII. Adjourn

Historical Museum Advisory Board Minutes

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- III. Welcome and Introductions of new and old Board members
 - A. Eric Lenderman

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- IV. Approval of agenda
- V. Approval of minutes for the November 19, 2025 regular meeting – see *attached draft*
- VI. Public comments on Items Not on the Agenda – Don Parcher
- VII. Election of officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) for 2026 (Officers assume duties upon election)
 - A. Call for nominations and/or self-nominations
 - B. – Chair Scott McElroy 5:0
 - C. - Vice Chair – Joe Teasdale 5:0
 - D. – Secretary – David Hosansky 5:0
- VIII. Approval of Designation of Places for Posting of Notice of 2026 Public Meetings – see *attached memo 5:0*
- IX. Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates & Location – see *attached memo 5:0*
- X. Distribution of Open Government & Ethics Pamphlet – see *attached*
 - A. Distribution of Museum Collections Policy – Section 8: Ethics and Conflict of Interest – see *attached*
- XI. Distribution of Rules of Procedure – see *attached*
- XII. Report from liaison from the Historic Preservation Commission. Sloane Whidden (3 minutes) – Sloane's comments – new HPC members, going to Saving Places conference
- XIII. Updates on City Projects - Brandi Cummings, Director of Cultural Services
 - A. Foundation Report – LHF is another foundation that supports Museum, looking at fundraising and programmatic support, tabling opportunity
 - B. Front and Main Street / South Street Underpass -
 - i. Front and Center - slated for 2026, Steinbaugh pavilion remodeling, main street bump outs, new lighting. After Labor Day start work. Museum not part of this but still working on addressing.
 - ii. South Street underpass – Underpass on 42 and South
 - C. Council and Board Work Session changes – All boards are advisory to council – more time to meet with council, consider bringing in Foundation. Will email out possible dates
 - D. Strategic Plan Update – Cultural services as a department – individualized departmental action plans, workplace reviews, public survey in March – engaging with community – focus groups and stakeholder interviews

- E. Historic Preservation Tax update – end of 2028 – starting task force – to define renewal ask and can include board representation, prepare how we talk to community.
- XIV. Updates on Museum – Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor
 - A. Museum Services Supervisor's written report – *see attached memo*
 - i. *More statistics – on visitors*
 - B. Museum buildings and campus
 - i. Museum closure – Jan 19-22 for reorg and cleaning
 - ii. Work done on shoring up cellar doorframe, removing several inches of mulch from north side of building
 - C. Updates on Museum operations & projects
 - i. Sesquicentennial plans
 - ii. Marshall Fire Story Project plans – December 2026
 - D. Approval of Deeds of Gifts from donors : 5:0
 - i. Bill Balsley Jr. – Branded promotional items related to the family-owned Napa Auto Parts business; two Louisville Centennial coins from 1986.
 - ii. Judy Dayhoff – Business receipt from Karl Stumpf who owned a soft drink distribution business in Louisville in the 1950s
 - iii. Kimberly LaBella – Branded promotional items related to Napa Auto and Bill's Auto Supply.
 - iv. Lewis Lombardi – Digital copies of small game and fishing licenses c. 1930s-1960s belonging to members of the Romano, Dionigi, Lombardi, and Rosser families.
 - v. Louisville Chamber of Commerce – Business directories c. 1983-2020, Chamber newsletters c. 1989-2009, maps of Louisville businesses c. 1992, aerial photo of Louisville c. 1980-90, branded promotional items related to First National Bank and Taste of Louisville, 17 bundles of architectural drawings and maps of Louisville.
 - vi. Kendall Ruth – 1942 photo of miners at the Black Diamond Mine.
 - vii. David Varra – meat grinder and accessories used at the Monarch Mine Store c. 1940s and later at the Varra Grocery store.
 - E. Advice sought on donations of other artifacts being offered - none
- XV. HMAB Work Plan for 2026
 - A. Review Work Plan for 2025 - *see attached*
 - B. Volunteer and community engagement opportunities

- i. Farmers market
 - ii. National History Day
 - iii. Joint meeting with LHF - August
- C. Pioneer Award / Chamber Banquet – February 18 – Award to Jean Morgan, erika will interview Jean and attend banquet to present award
- D. Council workshops with Board
- XVI. Chair's Report
- XVII. Commission comments & discussion items for next meeting (March 18, 2026)
- XVIII. Adjourn



Memorandum

To: Historical Museum Advisory Board
From: Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor
Date: March 18, 2026
Re: Museum Services Supervisor's Report

The Museum shares Louisville history not only through in-person visits and programs but also provides a wealth of information through its website and social media. Below is a snapshot of the Museum's digital reach at the end of 2025:

- YouTube videos: 27,406 total views / 2,601 views in 2025
- Online photo collection: 6,690 searches
- Museum Instagram: 1,359 followers
- Museum website : 17,754 visits
- Online exhibits: 25,591 total views/ 6,300 views in 2025
 - Discover Louisville driving tour (2,098 views)
 - Louisville Timeline (2,028 views)
 - Eat Well (682 views)
 - Indigenous Roots (330 views)
 - Hidden History (223 views)
- E-newsletter: 2,635 subscribers
- Membership program and the Louisville Historian quarterly publication sent to over 800 members both locally and nationally.

We are pleased to be bringing on two new Museum Associates. Eilish Brennan will be the Museum Associate for Public History and Oral History and Allison Tucker will be the Museum Associate for Outreach and Communications. They will both be starting on March 24.

The spring Louisville Historian and front window exhibit are now available. They are based on the *Moments That Made Us* exhibit at History Colorado and explore "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." We have had strong interest in the Ute STEM traveling exhibit with many visitors coming specifically to view it. Registrations have also filled up quickly for the History Happy Hour events and we are excited to build relationships with local businesses who have generously partnered with us to host the new lecture series. The first three Happy Hour events will be at Crystal Springs Brewery, Relish Food Court, and Louisville Underground.

The SCFD grant application was submitted for the Museum and Arts & Events requesting operational funding for 2027.



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