

Historical Museum Advisory Board

Agenda

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025
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
- IV. Approval of minutes for the September 17, 2025 regular meeting – see *attached draft*

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- V. Public comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- VI. Report from Louisville History Foundation board representative, Gordon Madonna (3 minutes)
- VII. Report from liaison from the Historic Preservation Commission. Sloane Whidden (3 minutes)
- VIII. Updates on City projects - Brandi Cummings, Cultural Services Director
 - A. Budget update
 - B. Agenda and Minutes Management
 - C. HMAB applications closed
- IX. Updates on Museum – Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor
 - A. Museum Services Supervisor’s written report – *see attachment*
 - B. Museum buildings and campus – closed January 19-22, 2026
 - C. Updates on Museum operations & projects
 - i. Personnel changes
 - ii. Upcoming Events
 - D. Approval of Deeds of Gifts from donors
 - E. Advice sought on donations of other artifacts being offered
- X. HMAB Work Plan for 2025
 - A. HMAB engagement
 - i. Holiday Mart – Nov 29
 - ii. Parade of Lights – Dec 5, Treat Bag filling Dec 4
 - B. Pioneer Award – nominations and voting
 - i. Review guidelines– *see attachment*
 - ii. Nominations for future
 - iii. Recognition at Chamber
 - C. Joint meeting with Louisville History Foundation- November
- XI. Chair’s Report
- XII. Commission comments & discussion items for next meeting (January 21, 2025)
- XIII. Adjourn

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MINUTES

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- I. **Call to order:** HMAB Vice-Chair Joe Teasdale called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
- II. **Roll call:** HMAB Members present: Jeanette Bangs, David Hosansky, Barbara Taylor, and Joe Teasdale
Absent HMAB members: Rebecca Ferguson and Scott McElroy
Other Representatives present: Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor,

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Brandi Cummings, Cultural Services Director, and Sloane Whidden, HPC liaison

- III. **Approval of agenda:** Members approved the agenda, 4-0
- IV. **Approval of minutes for the July 16, 2025 regular meeting – see attached draft**
Members approved the minutes, 4-0
- V. **Public comments on Items Not on the Agenda:** None
- VI. **Report from Louisville History Foundation board representative, Gordon Madonna (3 minutes):** No report (Gordon not present)
- VII. **Report from liaison from the Historic Preservation Commission. Sloane Whidden (3 minutes):**
- VIII. **Updates on City projects - Brandi Cummings, Cultural Services Director**
 - A. Budget update: 2026 budget is stable
 - B. Historic Preservation Tax update: This is due in 2030
 - C. Board expectations handbook: All boards can contribute to new handbook, which will come by out end of 2026
 - D. Cultural Services Strategic Plan – *see attachment*
 - E. HMAB applications open
 - i. Board Open House in October: This will be in October or early November
- IX. **Updates on Museum – Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor**
 - A. Museum Services Supervisor's written report – *see attachment*
 - B. Museum buildings and campus: Finished front window glass replacement, broken windows replaced
 - C. Updates on Museum operations & projects
 - i. Louisville History Month: Discussed highlights of History Month
 - ii. Bloomberg Connects: Adding narration and audio, launched at members Only Event on Aug 30
 - iii. Upcoming Events: Update on 150/250; Indigenous History partnership with Lafayette, Consultation with Fred Mosqueda – Arapaho Tribal Historical Preservation Officer; Film screening with Jordan Dresser – The Art of Home: A Wind River Story – featuring Sarah Ortegon (Shoshone) and Ken Williams (Arapaho); Wind River in Wyoming
 - D. Approval of Deeds of Gifts from donors: HMAB members approved donations, 4-0.
 - 1. John Aaron – Embellished print of Steinbaugh Pavilion drawn at Louisville Street Fair in 2023-24.

2. Ken and Mary Black – Blue Parrot spaghetti tub for the Education Collection; Colacci's 25th Anniversary t-shirt.
3. Larry Boven – Digital photo of the 1993 hose race.
4. Kim Daldos – Four antique oil lamps for the Education Collection.
5. Mike Deborski – Two digital scans of war bonds from 1942.
6. Randal Deborski – Fifteen digital photos of 601 Pine, Andy Deborski, and other members and activities related to the Deborski family.
7. Cynthia DelPizzo-Martin – LHS Pep Club mittens, Steinbaugh Hardware apron, 1953 wedding dress from Ann Waschak; nineteen hats and hat box for the Education Collection.
8. Shirley Elrod – Duane and Shirley Elrod's high school sweaters from 1963 with academic and decorative pins; digital scans of Boulder Daily Camera article from 1970 related to Louisville Hose Team, and scan of Louisville Times from June 15, 1978.
9. Rebecca Ferguson – Digitized copies of photos and documents from Wilbur L. Johns related to his time working at Rocky Flats.
10. Jack Hanley and Kathy Zarini – Photos and documents related to Louisville High School, Class of 1933, 1935, and 1937, and members of the Zarini and Fenolia family; Louisville Times Centennial Edition and Louisville Class Reunion booklet from 1982 for the Education Collection; Newspaper clippings and photocopies related to the Blue Parrot, and Zarini family history for the Museum files.
11. Jennifer Henderson – Three pop-up valentines from the turn of the century for the Education Collection.
12. Gordon Madonna – Metal lunch box and sandwich tin from Jack Watson; nine telephones from different decades for the Education Collection.
13. Kathy McDonald – Two small oil lamps for the Education Collection.
14. Jean Morgan – Two spice tins c. 1930s for the Education Collection; handheld oil lamp and railroad crossing sign from Pine St., c.1930-1970s.
15. Christine Wecker – Aerial photograph of Louisville from 1996, belonged to Klubert "Dink" Warembourg.
16. Kathy Zarini – Digital copies of nine photos depicting members of the Zarini and Snair families.

E. Advice sought on donations of other artifacts being offered: None

X. HMAB Work Plan for 2025

A. HMAB engagement

- i. Farmers Market: Members enjoyed volunteering at market
- ii. Vintage Baseball: Players will have uniforms this year; Rocket hot dogs will be a vendor

B. Pioneer Award – nominations and voting: Board members should bring two recommendations to next meeting

- i. Review guidelines– *see attachment*
- ii. Nominations for future
- iii. Recognition at Chamber: Board members can attend

C. Joint meeting with Louisville History Foundation

XI. **Chair's Report:** No report

XII. **Commission comments & discussion items for next meeting**
(November 19, 2025)

XIII. **Adjourn:** Vote to adjourn meeting at 7:30, 4-0



Memorandum

To: Historical Museum Advisory Board
From: Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor
Date: November 19, 2025
Re: Museum Services Supervisor's Report

The Museum is finishing up the year with a successful Louisville History Month. We had 517 people attend the Vintage Baseball game on September 20 and received positive comments and engagement with the Memory Square and Louisville trees walking tours, Legendary Ladies event, and Dog Days of Louisville exhibit at the library.

We were very pleased to continue building relationships with the Indigenous community through programs with Fred and Mary Mosqueda (Southern Arapaho and Cheyenne) covering Arapaho culture and history, and a film screening on Indigenous artists with producer Jordan Dresser (Northern Arapaho). The Mosquedas also met with Museum and Cultural Arts staff to consult on ways we can include Native American history and culture through exhibits and programs in Louisville.

We are sorry to announce that Hadley Kluber Seifert – Museum Associate for Collections moved on to a full-time position with CU libraries in mid-October. Visitors to the Museum and program attendees continue to increase each year and we always enjoy meeting people from other states and countries. So far we have had visitors from 38 different states and 17 countries. We recently led tours for five second-grade classes from Louisville Elementary and Coal Creek Elementary.

Looking back on 2025, Museum staff introduced numerous new programs, walking tours, and topics. We increased community engagement working with the Louisville History Foundation and Historical Museum Advisory Board during the Farmers Market and Labor Day Parade.

We are looking forward to giving out Holiday Treat Bags during the Parade of Lights and participating in Shop Small with the launch of a print-on-demand gift shop through the Louisville History Foundation.

Museum staff are excited about a host of new events planned for 2026, highlighting Louisville's history and commemorating the sesquicentennial.

Louisville Historical Commission Pioneer Award

***Revised by the Louisville Historical Commission
Sept. 20, 2023***

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 The Louisville Historical Commission presents the Pioneer Award to a person or persons, or to an organization at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held each year.
- 1.2 At least one representative from the Historical Commission attends the banquet to make the official presentation.
- 1.3 The presentation speech is typically written so that it may be included in the next issue of *The Louisville Historian*.

2. Qualifications for the Award:

- 2.1 The recipient should be a person or persons or an organization who, through his/her or their business and personal activities, is recognized within the Louisville community as an active or previously active contributor to the ongoing or past successes and welfare of the community.
- 2.2 As the Louisville Historical Museum is committed to collecting, preserving, and sharing a full range and diversity of experiences in our community, these values should be expressed with this award.
- 2.3 The award is given in recognition of the past achievements in spirit and time in promoting the interests and future of the City of Louisville through his/her or their personal service to the community and its residents.
- 2.4 The Pioneer Award may be presented as a posthumous award, in which case it will be presented to the recipient's family.
- 2.5 The Pioneer Award may be presented to a living person.

3. Procedures for the Award:

- 3.1 Anyone may nominate an individual, business, or organization for the Pioneer Award.

- 3.2 Nominations may be made to any Louisville Historical Commission Member or to the Louisville Historical Museum Supervisor for referral to the Commission.
- 3.3 The Louisville Historical Museum Supervisor shall place a notice in the Spring edition of the Louisville Historian seeking nominations for the Pioneer Award.
- 3.4 Nominations should include all relevant information and facts which would support the request.
- 3.5 Nominations should be submitted as early as possible for the Commission to review.
- 3.6 The Commission may ask for guidance from the Louisville Historical Museum Supervisor or anyone from within the community with an interest.
- 3.7 All nominations are confidential and only the final award recipient will be identified.
- 3.8 At the May meeting, the Commission shall make initial recommendations for nominations for the award.
- 3.9 The Commission will consider initial background information for each nomination at the July meeting and seek to narrow the nominations down to two at that meeting.
- 3.10 The Commission or a subcommittee of one or more members may research and provide any additional information for the nominations.
- 3.11 Should there be more than one nomination, the nomination(s) not chosen may be considered for the following year's award.
- 3.12 The Commission shall make the final nomination(s) at the November meeting.
- 3.13 A subcommittee of one or more members shall prepare a draft presentation for the award for consideration at the following January meeting.
- 3.14 After the January meeting, the subcommittee shall revise the draft presentation for the award and forward it along with a photo of the recipient, if available, to the Louisville Historical Museum Services Supervisor for finalization, notification, processing and possible inclusion into *The Louisville Historian*.

Louisville Historical Commission Pioneer Award Past Recipients

1985	J.J. Steinbaugh	2006	Virginia Caranci
1986	Charles, Iona, & Quentin Thomas	2007	Bill and Betty Buffo
1987	Dr. Lucius Cassidy Sr.	2008	David Ferguson
1988	Joe Colacci	2009	Patricia Seader
1989	John “Ring” Dionigi	2010	Frank Domenico
1990	Martha Eberharter	2011	Lawrence Enrietto
1991	G.R. Henning	2012	George Brown
1992	Eugene Caranci	2013	Barbara DiSalle
1993	Susie DiGiacomo	2014	Marion Junior
1994	Lewton McCorkle	2015	Dick DelPizzo
1995	Fr. Benedict Ingenito OSB	2016	Ted & Carolyn Manzanares
1996	Frank Rizzi	2017	Anthony “Joe” Madonna
1997	L.C. “Bun” Graves	2018	Donald William “Donnie” Buffo
1998	Vera Taylor	2019	Leon Wurl
1999	Eileen Schmidt	2020	Keith Helart
2000	Eliseo Jacoe	2021	The Louisville Community
2001	Joe Carnival	2022	Debbie Krueger
2002	Robert Ross	2023	Janet Russell
2003	Glenn Steinbaugh	2024	Ed Helmstead
2004	Donald Ross		
2005	Carolyn Conarroe		