

**APPROVED**  
**BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MEETING**

June 17, 2010  
Rio Grande Depot Board Room  
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Michael Homer, chair  
Greg Thompson  
Deanne Matheny  
Bob McPherson  
Chere Romney  
Scott Christensen  
Michael Winder  
Ron Coleman

**EXCUSED**

Max Smith  
Maria Garcia  
Martha Bradley, vice chair

**STAFF:**

Michael Hansen, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Culture  
Thom Roberts, Attorney General's Office  
Judith McConkie, Capitol Preservation Board  
Phil Notarianni  
Wilson Martin  
Cory Jensen  
Ron Rood  
Kristen Rogers  
Alycia Aldrich  
Kevin Jones  
Derinna Kopp  
Lori Hunsaker

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**WELCOME**

Phil Notarianni announced that Michael Homer and Greg Thompson would be late. According to the Board bylaws, the Board may appoint a temporary member to conduct the meeting. A motion by Ron Coleman was made to appoint Michael Winder as temporary chair. It was seconded by Chere Romney and passed unanimously.

Michael Winder welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. He suggested that the discussion items on the agenda be addressed first to allow enough time for Michael and Greg to be present for the action items.

**SALT LAKE CITY'S DEMOLITION ORDINANCE**

Wilson Martin reported that letters from the Board and Thom Roberts were sent to the Salt Lake City Council regarding Salt Lake City's demolition ordinance. They responded to the letters and will keep

buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places independent from provisions of Salt Lake City's ordinances.

### **NATIONAL REGISTER POLICY INFORMATION**

Wilson went over the information that was sent to the Board regarding rights of owners, National Register benefits and restrictions and the owner notification letter and answered any questions regarding the process.

### **DIVISION INFORMATION**

Phil introduced Michael Hansen, the Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Culture. Palmer DePaulis has been asked by the Governor to be the new Executive Director of the Department of Human Services and he has accepted and will begin July 1. Michael Hansen will be interim acting Director for the Department until further notice. Phil expressed that staff was very sad to see Palmer leave, but are happy for him and his new position. He has been an advocate for State History and his absence will be felt by all. Phil wanted to again express his appreciation for the support Palmer DePaulis provided especially during this last fiscal year.

We have not heard anything further regarding the Optimization Committee. A report should be prepared some time in September.

DCC is preparing a new strategic plan and Phil is on that planning team. The Department of Human Resource Management has a new Utah Performance Management system. This system is statewide and will track and record performance management.

Phil reported on the Balanced Scorecard. He noted that the measurements for the web visits are now tracked by Google Analytical. It measures customers that visit the web site, spend considerable time and visit multiple pages and sites within the web domain. By using Google Analytics it provides more substantial and accurate information. He noted that the Research Center customers are trending down at the same time the digitization online projects are available to the public. All archaeological records and sites are increasing.

The division's budget is the same as last years, \$2.2 million in general funds and the preservation fund is \$700,000.

### **HUMAN REMAINS PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

Ron Rood, the assistant archaeologist, presented information about the Human Remains Program. In 2007, the Antiquities Section was given the authority for the recovery of ancient human remains from "non-federal" lands (private and School and Institutional Trust Land Administration –SITLA). Staff has completed reports on 62 individuals. Two repatriations of human remains completed to the Paiute Tribe of Utah. 53 sets of human remains have been placed in the burial facility at Emigration Canyon. There are 130 sets of human remains currently under the care of the Antiquities Section. Seven Law Enforcement training session have been held with 226 participants attending. The staff has also made presentations for several professional meetings and conferences. The Human Remains Program continues to be a positive influence in Utah's communities helping to educate and inform professionals and the public about the recovery of ancient human remains.

Ron also talked about other duties in the Antiquities Section and reported that approximately 600 people attended Prehistory Day, Saturday May 1.

Michael Winder, as temporary chair turned the meeting over to Michael Homer.

### **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2010 MEETING**

Scott Christensen made a motion to approve the February 11, 2010 Board meeting minutes. Deanne Matheny seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

### **NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS**

Please refer to the following criteria:

- A) Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B) Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C) Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

### **Grafton Historic District, Rockville presented by Cory Jensen.**

Originally settled in the early 1860s and abandoned in 1945, Grafton, Utah, is a unique example of a nineteenth century Mormon settlement that, except for natural deterioration, remains largely unchanged from its settlement period. The few remaining buildings have not been architecturally altered, and many original fences mark the historic property lines that surround the still-visible fields and irrigation ditches. Electricity, gas, plumbing, and modern amenities were never introduced into Grafton, and the roads that remain were never paved. Survival in southern Utah was very difficult because of the harsh climate, and mid-nineteenth-century settlements either thrived or failed rather quickly. Unlike most of these small towns, Grafton managed to barely survive the nineteenth century, but it ultimately failed in the mid-twentieth, as technology, growth and changing ideals rendered it obsolete. Early settlements in Washington County that did not succeed were typically abandoned early, leaving few remains and those that managed to remain viable have been greatly altered over time with population growth and concomitant building renovations, demolitions, new construction and modern conveniences, such as paved roads and utilities. The Grafton Historic District is a unique snapshot of the early settlement era. The district has a period of significance dating from 1861 to c. 1940s and is significant under Criterion A for both Exploration & Settlement and Agriculture as a depiction of a Mormon Cotton Mission settlement. Mormon settlers were directed or “called” by Brigham Young to leave their homes to the north and move with their families to Southern Utah, or “Dixie,” as it was known because of the climate, to establish new settlements and raise cotton and other warm-weather crops. Grafton reflects the settlement pattern of early Mormon communities in the region, and is important as a very rare example of a Mormon settlement whose extant, unoccupied buildings have survived unaltered into the early twenty-first century.

Greg Thompson made a motion to accept the Grafton Historic District for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

### **Curtis, Genevieve & Alexander Curtis House, SLC, presented by Cory Jensen.**

The Genevieve and Alexander Curtis House, built in 1921, is a one-story brick bungalow, located at 1119 E. Westminster Avenue in Salt Lake City. The house is significant under Criterion B for its association with the accomplishments of Genevieve and Alexander Curtis. The house was a single-family dwelling when built for the Curtis family and later divided into apartments within the period of significance between 1921 and 1951, a span of thirty years during which Genevieve and Alexander Curtis lived on Westminster Avenue. These decades were their most influential and productive years in the areas of Education and Commerce. Genevieve Raine Curtis was an educator who started her career as a kindergarten teacher. Genevieve Curtis was the first woman to serve on the Salt Lake City School District Board of Education, where she served three terms. She

held prominent positions in the PTA and several teacher organizations. For her work in education, the Curtis Elementary School in Salt Lake City was named in her honor. In addition to her many accomplishments in education, Genevieve Curtis raised eleven children and was named Utah Mother of the Year in 1957. Genevieve Curtis was supported in all her endeavors by her husband Alexander Robertson Curtis. Alexander R. Curtis was a prominent businessman in the Sugarhouse area of Salt Lake City. He founded the Curtis Coal Company, which was the largest coal distributor in the state of Utah in the second quarter of the twentieth century. As one of the largest stake holders in the Sugarhouse business district, Alexander R. Curtis spearheaded a major development project that made Sugarhouse an important regional shopping center in the mid-twentieth century. The Curtis House is also significant under Criterion C for its unique floor plan and as a rare example of an unusually wide bungalow in the Sugarhouse and Westminster area neighborhoods. The house is a distinctive residence in the neighborhood, not only for its U-shaped plan and size, but also for its unique blend of the Prairie School and Neoclassical styles. The bungalow was designed specifically to accommodate the Curtis' large family and as an entertainment venue befitting their prominence in the community. It was built by Alexander Curtis and has excellent historical integrity. Throughout their lives, Genevieve and Alexander Curtis achieved significance in their respective fields while supporting each other. Their house on Westminster Avenue is the only building still intact that represents the shared contributions of Genevieve and Alexander Curtis within the areas of significance: Architecture, Education and Commerce.

Greg Thompson made a motion to accept the Curtis, Genevieve & Alexander Curtis House for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Ron Coleman seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

**Loveless House, Orem, presented by Cory Jensen.**

The Loveless House, built possibly c. 1882, with later (beginning c.1909) major additions, is locally significant under Criteria A and C, with a period of significance dating c. 1882 when the original section of the house was constructed by James Loveless, Sr., to 1943, when James, Jr., moved out of the house. Under Criterion A it is significant for its association with the "Settlement and Agricultural Expansion: Mid-1870s-1913", and "Establishment of Orem: 1914-1941" categories of the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Orem, Utah*, multiple property submission, and the Loveless family's role in the agricultural history of the community. It is also architecturally significant under Criterion C for its development from the original hall-parlor floor plan to a central-block with bays form and a combination of eclectic Victorianism, Arts and Crafts and bungalow stylistic detailing that bridges the three stylistic eras. The house was built in phases—each phase expanding the size and reflecting the architectural style of the era. Victorian Eclectic architecture was common in Orem and throughout the state during the era, but the Arts and Crafts style, typically only found on bungalows, was not nearly as common, particularly on a Victorian house form. The Loveless House is singularly unique in Orem with its combination of Victorian central-block-with-projecting-bays form and Arts and Crafts and bungalow features such as its distinctive shed-roof dormers, exposed rafter ends, and half-width concrete porch with battered columns. The combination of the Loveless's involvement in agriculture in Orem, the primary reason for the city's settlement and establishment, and the unique architecture of the Loveless house make this a contributing historic resource in the city.

Greg Thompson made a motion to accept the Loveless House, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Ron Coleman seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

**Verd's Fruit Market Complex, Orem, presented by Cory Jensen.**

The Verd's Fruit Market Complex is significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of the fruit-growing and agricultural commerce industries in Orem, Utah. The complex is being nominated under the "Establishment of Orem: 1914-1941" period of the *Historic Resources of Orem, Utah*, multiple property submission, with a period of significance dating from c.1940-1960. The settlement, growth, and early development of the city was centered on the raising and distribution of a variety of fruit crops. And up until World War II, when the steel industry took over as the primary

economic force in Orem, fruit farms, orchards, warehouses, and fruit stands were about the only industry in Orem. The Richardson family bought their five acre farm in 1939 and began growing crops for direct sale through peddling by Verdi Richardson and roadside vending by his wife, Lucile. The original fruit stand was built c. 1938, but was replaced by the existing concrete block building in 1960. The residence started out as a basement house in the early 1940s and received a main-level structure c. 1945. Verd's Market Complex is one of the few examples of fruit stands remaining from the heyday of the roadside fruit-vending era that provided Orem its economic and occupational beginnings and survived the city's mid-to-late-twentieth century urbanization. It is the only historical complete market complex still in operation in the city that once had several of these markets lining State Street. Out of what once was a thriving industry, there are only two other known extant fruit stands remaining in Orem; however, one is abandoned, and the other is no longer in operation. Verd's Fruit Market complex retains the association and feeling of Orem's fruit production and market gardening heritage, contributing to the historic character of the community.

Ron Coleman made a motion to accept the Loveless House, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Greg Thompson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

### **RETREAT DISCUSSION**

Phil suggested having the retreat at Fort Douglas this year. Wilson is on the Board at Fort Douglas and extended an invitation. It was decided to poll Board members about what dates work best for Board members, either Thursday, August 5 or August 12.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Two Board members, Ron Coleman and Chere Romney, terms will expire April 2011. Greg Thompson, Max Smith and Bob McPherson will complete their first term in April 2011.

### **AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Phil presented the award nominations for the Board's approval. The awards will be presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual State History Conference. Please refer to Attachment A for details.

Ron Coleman presented the Best Article not published in the *Utah Historical Quarterly* on behalf of the Chere Romney, chair of the subcommittee. The winner is Matthew Kester, *Race, Religion, and Citizenship in Mormon Country: Native Hawaiians in Salt Lake City, 1869-1889* published by the *Western Historical Quarterly*.

### **The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual State History Conference – September 9-11, 2010.**

Due to the length of the Board meeting, the planning meeting for the History Conference was cancelled. Lynette Lloyd will reschedule a meeting at a later date.

Phil introduced Judith McConkie to the Board and asked her to speak to the Board about the project at the Capitol. Judith is the Curator of the State Capitol. Three months ago the State Capitol opened an exhibit, *Utah in the Union: The Story of the 45<sup>th</sup> State*. The 1903 and 1922 Flags from State History's collection are now on display at the State Capitol as well as other artifacts. This exhibit details the seven attempts for the Utah Constitution to be in the Union. A symposium will be held in conjunction with State History's Annual Conference on September 11 at the State Capitol. In September there will be available lesson plans for the fourth and seventh grades on the Utah flag.

Plans are on their way for the Conference this year. The theme this year, The Need for Speed Celebrating 100 years of the Rio Grande Depot. On Wednesday evening September 8 a reception will be held at the Alta Club. Because we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the building, the

meeting and sessions will be held at the Rio Grande Depot this year. Arrangements have been made with a company that provides special sound equipment for the Thursday Award Presentation. Our guest speaker will be Will Bagley. He will be speaking on Judge Wilson McCarthy and the "Rescue of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad." He has written a book entitled *Always a Cowboy*. On Thursday the Division has partnered with the Capitol Preservation Board with their symposium at the State Capitol. The Friday session will begin with a plenary session about the architecture of the Rio Grande Depot and several sessions are planned in five meeting rooms throughout the Rio Grande Depot and the Archives training room. A Friday reception will be held in the evening. Tours are scheduled for the Capitol building and hopefully the Pony Express tour.

The Division installed some picture railings in the north hallway of the Rio Grande Depot. Pictures of the building will be displayed in that area. A small exhibit will be in the grand lobby with a gallery stroll August 20. The exhibit will be open from August 20 through the September 11.

The next issue of the *Utah Historical Quarterly* has articles about the Denver Rio Grande railroad. The front and back cover will display the paintings of the Rio Grande Depot from our collection.

#### **ADJOURN**

Scott Christensen made the motion to adjourn. Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Retreat to be announced.**

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**State History 2010 Annual Award Nominations**

Nominee	Award Category	Summary of Nomination	Coordinator Recommendation	Board Approval
William P. MacKinnon	Fellow	For outstanding research and writing.	N/A	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Scott Christensen Passed unanimously
David L. Bigler	Fellow	For outstanding research and writing.	N/A	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Scott Christensen Passed unanimously
Dr. Donald R. Carpenter	Outstanding Contribution	For his outstanding efforts to preserve the African American history of Weber County and Utah.	Yes	Motion to approve Ron Cole seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Dr. Gregory C. Thompson	Outstanding Contribution	For his outstanding efforts to preserve the ski and winter sports history thru the establishment of the Ski Archives at the J. Willard Marriott Library at the Univ of Utah.	Yes	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Scott Christensen Passed unanimously
Vern Gorzitze	Outstanding Contribution	For his outstanding efforts to preserve Utah and western history	Yes	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
The Children's Center	Outstanding Achievement	For their outstanding efforts demonstrated during the rehabilitation of the Oquirrh School building.	Yes	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Park City Historical Society and Museum	Outstanding Achievement	For their outstanding efforts to preserve Park City's history with their newly expanded and professionally developed history museum.	Yes	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Rollin G. Southwell	Outstanding Achievement	For his outstanding efforts to preserve the history of the Fisher Pass. His efforts resulted in a monument being dedicated on October 2, 2009.	Yes	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Salt Lake County Councilmember Jim Bradley	Outstanding Achievement	For his outstanding efforts to preserve the archaeological site known as the Prison Site on the Galena property.	Defer to Board, project not yet complete	Motion to nominate when completed Ron Coleman Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Representative Janice Fisher	Outstanding Achievement	For her outstanding efforts to preserve the archaeological site known as the Prison Site on the Galena property.	Defer to Board, project not yet complete	Motion to nominate when completed Ron Coleman Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously

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Zach Frankel	Outstanding Achievement	For his outstanding efforts to preserve the archaeological site known as the Prison Site on the Galena property.	Defer to Board, project not yet complete	Motion to nominate when completed Ron Coleman Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Arlene Syme Barbara Gordon David Rosier	Outstanding Achievement	For their outstanding efforts to preserve the history of Moroni City thru the publication of <i>The History of Moroni City 1859-2009</i>	Defer to Board, No copy of publication submitted, not familiar with publication	Motion to re nominate next year with copy of publication Ron Coleman Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Michael S. Sweeney, "Julius F. Taylor and the <i>Broad Ax</i> of Salt Lake City," <i>Utah Historical Quarterly</i> , Summer 2009	Dale L. Morgan Award	For the best scholarly article of the year appearing in <i>Utah Historical Quarterly</i> . Approved by Advisory Board of Editors and Board of State History (Stipend of \$1000.00)	N/A	Motion to approve Scott Christensen, Seconded Deanne Matheny passed unanimously
Brandon Johnson, "To Lay Bare All of Spiritualism's Shams: Harry Waite and Oscar Eliason's Anti-Medium Crusade," <i>Utah Historical Quarterly</i> , Fall 2009	Charles Redd Center for Western Study Award	For the best general interest article of the year appearing in <i>Utah Historical Quarterly</i> . Approved by Advisory Board of Editors and Board of State History (Stipend of \$300.00)	N/A	Motion to approve Scott Christensen, Seconded Deanne Matheny passed unanimously
Hank Hassell, "The Battle for Rainbow Bridge," <i>Utah Historical Quarterly</i> , Fall 2009	Nick Yengich Memorial Editors' Choice Award	For the <i>Utah Historical Quarterly</i> article selected as editors' choice for the year. Approved by Board of State History (Stipend of \$100.00)	N/A	Motion to approve Scott Christensen, Seconded Deanne Matheny passed unanimously
To be announced after June 30, 2010	Helen Papanikolas Award	For the best college/university student's paper on the subject of "Women's History in Utah." (Stipend of \$100.00)	N/A	
Edward Leo Lyman, <i>Amasa Mason Lyman: Mormon Apostle and Apostate, A Study in Dedication</i> , published by The University of Utah Press	Francis Armstrong Madsen Best Utah History Book Award	For the best book on Utah history published during 2009. Approved by committee appointed by the Board of State History (Stipend of \$1,000.00)	N/A	Motion to approve Scott Christensen, Seconded Deanne Matheny passed unanimously
Matthew Kester, <i>Race, Religion, and Citizenship in Mormon Country: Native Hawaiians in Salt Lake City, 1869-1889</i> published in the <i>Western Historical Quarterly</i>	Best Utah History Article Award	For the best Utah history article appearing in a publication other than <i>Utah Historical Quarterly</i> . Approved by committee appointed by the Board of State History (Stipend of \$200.00)	N/A	Motion to approve Scott Christensen, Seconded Deanne Matheny passed unanimously
Richard E. Turley Jr. and Ronald W. Walker, editors, <i>Mountain Meadows Massacre: The Andrew Jenson and David H. Morris Collections</i> , published by Brigham Young University Press	Smith-Pettit Foundation Best Documentary Book in Utah History Award	For the editor or editors of the best documentary book in Utah History published in 2008. Approved by committee appointed by the Board of State History (Stipend of \$1,000.00)	N/A	Motion to approve Scott Christensen, Seconded Deanne Matheny passed unanimously
	William P. MacKinnon Award	For specialized training, education, and professional development	N/A	