

Historical Museum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2012
HISTORICAL MUSEUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2012, 10:00 A.M.

A MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM SUBCOMMITTEE WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. HWY 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. VICE MAYOR MARK MCBRADY PRESIDED.

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Vice Mayor Mark McBrady presided. Councilmember Nancy Wright made a motion to appoint Mark McBrady as the Chairman of the Subcommittee, seconded by CM Denise Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Roll Call.**

2.1. Subcommittee Members: Town Council Members Denise Rogers, Nancy Wright; Vice Mayor Mark McBrady were present.

2.2. Other Attendees: Yvonne Kimball, Town Manager; David Nystrom, Treasurer and Spokesman of the Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society were present. Also in attendance for the Historical Society was Kevin Leonard, President of DHHS.

3. **Special Session.**

3.1. Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society Historical Museum Presentation. A presentation given by David Nystrom. Discussion and possible recommendation to Council regarding the Historical Society's proposal for the purchase of a property for an historical museum on Main Street.

David Nystrom went through the draft presentation for the Council regarding the proposal for the Town to purchase the old Bank Building/Church Building for the purpose of leasing it to the Historical Society for a Historical Museum. Kevin Leonard spoke on his experience out in the public proposing the museum project and the positive response. David Nystrom spoke on how to staff and operate the museum. The Historical Society board will manage this.

The Subcommittee members asked questions of the Museum representatives. There was discussion on what will go in the museum, (historical stuff from the mining and ranching era, photos, documents, research materials, etc. back into the 1800's). It was suggested they provide some proof or data that the museum would revitalize the town and on how it works. There was discussion on arranging an open house to preview the church building. There was discussion on funding the museum, both short- and long-term (apply for grants once running, tours of mine and local attractions, donations, gift store). There was discussion on the legalities of spending the requested money during this fiscal year, using unallocated funds in the budget; questions regarding long-term maintenance and possible purchase from the town at the end of the lease.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Skip Rains spoke on John Langellier being a good contact at Sharlot Hall; the uniqueness of all the local municipalities and their museums; and in support of using the bank building for a museum.

John Young spoke on having historical items to loan or donate to the museum; and in support of the bank building for a museum.

Jack Hamilton spoke on many things he would like to see the town have, and following the CIP (Capital Improvement Process) rather than bypassing this process by considering this on its own. He spoke on bringing the building up to code.

Carl Marsee spoke on the amount of historical artifacts in Dewey-Humboldt and his background as a curator in California.

David Nystrom spoke to the committee regarding the CIP and listening to the community.

Jack Hamilton spoke on ARS 42-171.06 (2) regarding budgets.

Councilmember Wright spoke on waiting and letting the market bring in the businesses rather than government.

David Nystrom spoke on being willing to find ways to show the support of the community. There was discussion on how to accurately get feedback from the community regarding this proposal.

There was discussion on whether there would be a return on the town's investment in this property; and whether to keep the property under town ownership or for the Historical Society to purchase the building from the town over a period of time.

Vice Mayor McBrady spoke on having one or two seats on the museum Board of Directors held by councilmembers. There was discussion on joining with the Library in this venture. David Nystrom spoke on the limitation in space not being conducive to incorporating the Library or extra town hall space in the building. Vice Mayor McBrady volunteered staff time if needed to research this project further.

David Nystrom reviewed with the subcommittee the next steps to move this project forward (walk through of building by Councilmembers, code enforcement officer and the community; bring this presentation to the council for feedback/input from Council and the community)

Jack Hamilton spoke but it was undistinguishable as he did not come to the microphone.

Yvonne Kimball spoke on looking into the legalities of this request for funding. She will contact the town attorney on those questions. Vice Mayor McBrady agreed that this was important to do. There was discussion on planning for another meeting once the presentation has been made to the Council on January 17th. The walk through will be coordinated preferably before the Council meeting. Councilmember Rogers spoke on including a request for feedback on this project in the newsletter. David Nystrom suggested they could provide petitions to show the support of the community.

4. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Mark McBrady, Chairman

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk