

**HISTORICAL MUSEUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**  
**A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT**  
**Tuesday February 21, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

**HISTORICAL MUSEUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**  
**2735 S. HWY 69**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**  
**DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA**

## **AGENDA SUMMARY**

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Chairman/Vice Mayor McBrady turned the meeting over to Council/Subcommittee Member Wright to chair the meeting as he was still feeling quite ill.
2. **Roll Call.**
  - 2.1. **Subcommittee Members:** Town Council Members Denise Rogers, Nancy Wright; Chair, Vice Mayor Mark McBrady were present.
3. **Consent Agenda.**
  - 3.1. **Minutes.** Minutes from the January 10, 2012 Subcommittee Meeting and February 6, 2012 Subcommittee Meeting. Councilmember Rogers approved the minutes as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor McBrady. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Special Session.**
  - 4.1. **Discussion on Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society Museum proposal and possible development of recommendation to Council.**

Councilmember Wright spoke on notes she had prepared to date, on this issue. She provided those to the subcommittee. These notes included options and questions. Councilmember Rogers stated the previous owner sold the bank building to the church for \$85k. There was discussion on whether this proposal was legal for the town to do as it was not budgeted in the fiscal year and concerns with the gift clause.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Jack Hamilton spoke on only considering the original plan proposed by the Historical Society for whether it is viable or not. In response, Councilmember Wright explained she had reviewed the tape from the Council meeting where the subcommittee was formed, and the direction given to the subcommittee, "to meet with the Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society to try and make this happen".

Jerry Brady spoke on historic preservation and the funding allocation; the bank building's historic significance and consideration of obtaining federal funds for purchase; and the gift clause.

David Nystrom stated he will deliver petitions to the town clerk regarding the community's interest for the museum. He spoke on those petitions and the community's positive response.

Lydia Chapman spoke on the wording on the petitions lacking cost information. She spoke on the short- and long-term goals in the General Plan and the Developmental Element, and there being no existing plan for a museum.

Chris Berry spoke on restoring Main Street buildings to revitalize the town; time sensitivity of the building purchase; importance of funding the museum.

Jack Hamilton spoke on laws restricting the movement of funds in the budget; recommended if purchasing to do it in next year's budget and using it for town hall as it has a 5-years ROI; stated the \$140k to fund the museum is a gift.

Jerry Brady spoke on ADOT's transportation study; history-based tourism; and funding through the Federal Government on historical preservation and Arizona history conservation.

Kevin Leonard spoke in support of the museum and urged the Council to move forward on it.

Councilmember Wright provided research by the American Association of Museums, addressing the median attendance, charge, cost per visitor, etc. She spoke on changes in tourism trends; Council's obligation to not risk the town's funds; and expectations to get more information from the Historical Society. There was discussion on budget and funding concerns.

David Nystrom, Treasurer for the D-H Historical Society spoke on fundraising efforts, petition wording, and requesting help from the town to get the museum started.

The Subcommittee discussed alternative options for getting the museum started.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Lydia Chapman spoke on the pressure the Council is under to make a decision and recommended doing a referendum. She spoke on the closing of the Pioneer Museum and problems with a museum being self-funded.

Chris Berry spoke on the reasons for the urgency to make a decision; fundraising efforts; and the Historical Society asking for guidance on doing a business plan.

Kevin Leonard spoke on what he told petition signers about the cost for a museum, and stated his frustration with the time the decision has taken.

Jerry Brady spoke on the challenges with museums; attendance at Sharlot Hall Museum; ground service transportation; German tourism to Dewey-Humboldt; developing an historic district to obtain planning and development grants.

There was Subcommittee discussion on a recommendation to Council later that night.

Councilmember Rogers made a motion to come up with earnest money and start negotiations with a closing date after the next fiscal year, dealing with the management and startup costs for the museum at a later time. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Vice Mayor McBrady made a motion to suggest to the Council to lease the building in the interim (until the next fiscal year). The motion failed for lack of a second.

Vice Mayor McBrady left the meeting at 11:30 a.m. as he had a prior commitment to attend to.

Councilmember Wright made a motion to report to Council where the subcommittee is and get the Council's direction on where they want to go from here, leasing or buying the property, and ask they not send it back to the subcommittee but have the Council instead make the decision, seconded by Councilmember Rogers. It was approved unanimously.

5. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.