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00:00 David Allsion

All right, we're back. Yeah, so I think, as you were saying, you know, the future of the museum and kind of plans for lighting, that sort of thing, anything else?

00:15 Flint Whitlock

Um, I think our other drawback here, even though we have a great location on Midway, our location is also a liability, because we're set so far back from the street, that, you know, if we had a sign or Sherman tank, or something up, you know, by the entrance to the driveway, it would get more attention. I mean, that's why we put the flags out in front, why we've got the feather banners out at the street, why there's a sign on the light pole across the street, you know, "Veterans Museum this way." It would be wonderful to have a location that has more visibility for drive-by traffic. I had mentioned to the Board a few months back, that you guys are going to be. you guys meaning the City and County of Broomfield, you're going to be doing a new downtown area. And I proposed that we suggest to the city fathers and mothers that there'll be a space there for a museum somewhat larger than what we have here. But one that would provide better drive-by recognition, I guess you could say. So if I had my druthers, those would be on the list.

01:50 David Allison

Yeah. Sounds good, sounds good. So Flint, Is there anything else just thinking about? You know, I know I've talked about this a little bit with Lou Moyer. I interviewed him as well and he talked about why Broomfield, as opposed to say, Erie or whatever, has a military museum and you know, these other communities maybe don't. Did you have any thoughts?

02:18 Flint Whitlock

Well, Erie used to have a military museum. It was a World War One Museum. But then the guy who owned it, closed it or moved it or, or something happened to it. Why why Broomfield? Well, it needed to be somewhere. And I think it was the fact that you had six residents here, five of whom are veterans, who were very dedicated to their vision of creating something that would honor their service and the service of everybody that they served with in Korea and World War Two. I think their vision enabled the project to get off the ground. And like a lot of projects, it expanded from the original vision. I think theirs was, let's just pay homage to the Broomfield veterans; if Boulder wants a veterans museum, let them build theirs. If Pueblo wants a veterans museum, let them build theirs. We're building the Broomfield Veterans Museum. And I think for a long time, that was their focus. And as other people came in, as

officers of the museum and directors, the vision expanded to what it is today. And I tell people, you know, it's called the Broomfield Veterans Museum or the Veterans Museum of Broomfield, but it's really the Colorado Veterans Museum. And there's no other museum in Colorado that does what we do. They do portions of it, you know, like Wings Over The Rockies, their focus is on aviation. And that's great. But they don't want to get involved with the Navy or the Marines or the Army. It's strictly aviation. And I think we're a little bit more broader in what we encompass here. And I think that's what makes us special.

04:30 David Allison

Yeah, absolutely. Well, thank you so much, Flint. Was there anything we missed before we finish up?

04:37 Flint Whitlock

I kind of blathered on for longer than you probably wanted.

04:40 David Allison

No, I really appreciate it and it was great to talk to you and hear a little bit about your story and then your connection to the museum. Thank you so much.

04:46 Flint Whitlock

Good. Thank you, David.