



JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 4pm

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Patrick Tuttle, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Daya Davenport, Wally Bloss, Abbi Surbrugg, Brad Belk, Emily Frankoski, Paula Callihan, Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Susan Adams, Jill Sullivan, and Rikki Smith.

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. March 2022: Motion made by Mr. Bloss to approve the March 2022 minutes, seconded by Ms. Adams, unanimous approval.
- III. **Iris Gardens/Promotions**
 - a. Mr. Tuttle said that we sold five iris cookie cutters to a lady in Texas who is going to the National Iris Society meeting. She may try to see what could be done to get that event here in 2023.
- IV. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
 - a. The trail is dedicated! We had good media coverage!
 - b. The Bird's Eye sign will soon be installed.
 - c. We need to determine photos, maps, etc. and would like to give Sign Designs for the East Town and mural signs.
 - d. The subcommittee should regroup to think about what's next on the trail.
- V. **Joplin's 150th**
 - a. Ragtime – Tomorrow Steve Spracklen, Mr. Belk, and Dr. Stebbins are meeting about this. They are working on branding this event. Mr. Tuttle is looking into who from the Wenrich family is buried in the family's cemetery plot (Fairview Cemetery, Joplin, MO).
 - b. No update on the baseball event.
 - c. Mr. Tuttle brought up discussion about a 3-day music festival at Landreth Park in July 2023. Ms. Frankoski said that Connect2Culture will likely have their Jammin'

In July series, a free series featuring local music that takes place on Saturdays throughout July.

- d. Mr. Tuttle said The Great Race will be here again. Discussion about whether we could do something transportation related to go along with that event.
- e. Cox Cemetery – Ms. (Rikki) Smith is having dinner with Carol Bird about Cox Cemetery. Brenda K. Johnson Green is listed on the Cox Cemetery board and Ms. Smith can neither confirm that she is deceased nor find her. Brenda and Dave Green are listed in Beacon as owning the house that’s listed for her in the cemetery records. Discussion about cemetery open house.
- f. Podcast –Discussion about logistics, funding, etc. Also, about recording it all in one day, but releasing it to the public in episodes. Ms. Sullivan said that she’ll look into MO Humanities funding, but that we’d have to add an interactive component to qualify.

VI. **Marketing/Merch Committee**

- a. The coins are ordered (\$1750 for 500). Mr. Tuttle said perhaps we could have a bank sell them? Ask Peggy Fuller for SMB (they pay for a commercial saying they have them, etc.). Ms. Callihan will talk with Ms. Fuller about it. Visit Joplin is working on some internal components to promote it.
- b. Website – Need to get a payment method set up, as well as a Google Calendar.

VII. **Meeting Adjourned**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 4pm at City Hall, 5th Floor

Approved:  _____
Jill Sullivan, Secretary

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Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair