



JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 4pm

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Patrick Tuttle, Jill Sullivan, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Wally Bloss, Abbi Surbrugg, Lori Haun, Brad Belk, Emily Frankoski (via phone), Paula Callihan, Daya Davenport, Barbara Hogelin, Susan Adams, and Dr. Kerry Sachetta

Absent: Chris Wiseman, Christina Matakel-Gibson, Paula Baker, Ann Leach, Dr. Tracy Godfrey, Lori Haun, and Betty Smith

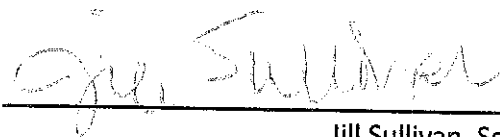
Guests: N/A

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Dr. Stebbins moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Callihan, unanimous approval
- III. **Iris Gardens**
 - a. Last Saturday an Iris show was held at Joplin Empire Market. 2 cookie cutters were sold and 5 new members signed up for the Tri-State Iris Society. They will be back at the market on June 12th to have an iris sale.
 - b. On Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 10am-noon people may go to the Joplin Museum Complex to paint an iris cookies with Skittles. Iris coloring sheets, as well as information on where to plant irises, will be distributed, along with information about Joplin's iris beds.
 - c. The Tri-State Iris Society opted for a one-day rather than the two-day conference in Joplin as originally planned. They will still supply prize-winning irises to plant beforehand so that we may have a tour during the conference.
- IV. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
 - a. Mr. Belk and Dr. Stebbins met and went over Christina Williams' mockups for the kiosks storyboards and made some changes; they await the revision.

- b. Mr. Tuttle found a reasonable source for flat, laser cut steel for potential sculptures at the First Major Lead Strike site. It's about \$2,100 per sheet and he will get an estimate on what it will cost to have them laser cut and installed.
 - c. We're still working on the rights to use a photo of an Osage couple on the heritage trail signage.
- V. **Missouri Bicentennial – No update**
- a. The Bicentennial commission is encouraging communities across the state to host ice cream socials – because the ice cream cone is Missouri's official dessert – on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.
 - b. Mr. Tuttle is reaching out to a potential sponsor.
 - c. We are reaching out to numerous groups to ask that they host an ice cream social on the afternoon and/or in the evening of this date. Potential groups:
 - i. Murphysburg
 - ii. Downtown Joplin Alliance in downtown
 - iii. North Heights
 - iv. East Town – Dr. Stebbins will reach out to Bookhouse Cinema to see if they are interested.
 - v. The idea is that one would be downtown in the afternoon with the others taking place in the evening.
 - vi. Ms. Sullivan will work on a promotional narrative that each group hosting can use.
- VI. **Joplin's 150th**
- a. Legacy piece discussed. Heritage Trail may become the legacy piece.
 - b. Concert of Percy Wenrich music? Dr. Stebbins contacted the Springfield Symphony Orchestra about doing the concert... If they are not interested, then who could we contact next?
 - c. Discussion about ragtime performances.
- VII. **Marketing Committee**
- a. The committee met prior to this meeting and came up with a list of potential swag: coins, key chains, t-shirts, and the like.
 - b. Mr. Tuttle will have one of his employees get estimates of costs.
 - c. More information at the next meeting.
- VIII. **Meeting Adjourned**

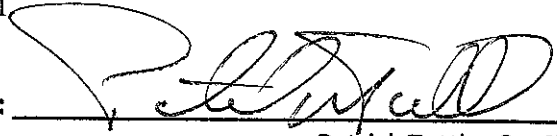
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 4pm at City Hall, 5th Floor

Approved: _____



Jill Sullivan, Secretary

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Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair