



JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 4pm

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Wally Bloss, Barbara Hogelin, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Susan Adams, Daya Davenport, Emily Frankoski, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Jill Sullivan, Paula Callihan, Ann Leach, and Patrick Tuttle.

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

Guests: N/A

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle II. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. May 2021: Motion made by Mr. Bloss and seconded by Ms. Frankoski that we approve the May 2021 minutes, pending two corrections (the date and attendance), all in favor.
- III. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
 - a. Mr. Tuttle said that we now have the rights to use the image of the Osage couple for the kiosks.
 - b. Dr. Stebbins asked that we go over the timeframe for installation of the kiosks. Mr. Tuttle said that the objective is to do 6 markers each year for the next three years.
 - c. Discussion about funding: Mr. Tuttle said that half of the funding will come from Visit Joplin, with us raising the other half. He said, too, that the Quapaw Tribe has offered to help fund the project if the Osage Tribe will not. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$24,000.
 - d. Mr. Tuttle mentioned that St. Mary's is using the same format for their storyboard sign at the old Mercy site.
 - e. The East Town/Mural kiosks will NOT be a part of the six year Joplin Heritage Trail installation, but funded differently and follow the same format so as to still be a part of the trail.

- f. Mr. Tuttle said that the first six signs need to be ready to go so he can put together a budget.
- g. Dr. Stebbins said that they've yet to see any revisions.
- h. Ms. Frankoski said that the Cornell Complex would like to install a sign on site about Joplin's historic theatres near the new arts complex.
- i. Discussion about installing laser cut signs at the First Major Lead Strike site with materials other than metal, as metal may be cost prohibitive.

IV. What's new with the irises?

- a. Right now, the National Cookie Cutter Convention is going on in Virginia Beach, Virginia and we sent a package to them with a flier to promote our iris cookie cutter.
- b. Dr. Reid Adams was on Faith in Our Hometown and promoted the iris cookie cutters and some of our other events.
- c. June 12th – Iris sale at Joplin Empire Market

V. Joplin's 150th

- a. Discussion about a Percy Wenrich concert at the Cornell Complex, where we could have 470 inside or 2,000 outside.
- b. Springfield Symphony Orchestra is interested in performing the Wenrich concert, but they would like \$30,000. Dr. Stebbins said he thought that we could raise \$10,000 through ticket sales.
- c. Mr. Tuttle said that we should bank on it costing \$35,000 rather than \$30,000.
- d. Ms. Callihan brought some sheet music by George Bierig, another Joplin-related composer.

VI. Special Events

- a. Murphysburgs' Sesquicentennial is this year. Events are planned for Saturday, September 11, 2021, and include a flag raising ceremony, beer tent, Irish music, horses, hard hat tours of the Schifferdecker House, and more.
- b. Mr. Tuttle said that he spoke with Melodee Colbert Kean about doing something in East Town for the 1971 plotting of Joplin City (July 28th).

VII. Marketing Committee

- a. Mr. Tuttle said that Donna has not yet had time to price the merchandise we previously discussed and that he'll have that information for our next meeting.

VIII. Missouri Bicentennial

- a. Discussion about programming that goes along with the displaying of the Missouri Bicentennial Quilt. Perhaps distributing paper quilt templates, having people color them, and displaying them when the quilt is here. Ms. Adams said that Spiva will look further into this.
- b. Missouri Art Now is up at Spiva! Go see it now through July 17th!
- c. Mr. Tuttle said that all of the paperwork was sent in for Missouri Explores. At first, they weren't aware of the \$200 sponsorship requirement, but it's being taken care of.

- d. Missouri 2021 Ice Cream Social (Tuesday, August 10, 2021): Mr. Tuttle said that he reached out to Braum's for donations for the ice cream socials. It has to go through their corporate office, so he applied on our behalf. The total donation amount requested was about \$600.
- e. Mr. Tuttle said that he priced aprons through Binky Guy to have them made for sponsors of the ice cream socials.
- f. Dr. Stebbins talked with Bookhouse Cinema and they're on board.
- g. Ms. Davenport will ask Lori Haun where she wants to host one downtown.
- h. The downtown social will be during the day, with others being in the evening. Whatever ice cream we don't serve downtown can be sent to the neighborhood gatherings.

IX. Other Business

- a. Ms. Sullivan said that she was contacted by the organizers of the Siloam Springs, Arkansas Heritage Festival about our having a Joplin booth during this year's festival. It was decided that it's too short a notice for this year, but we're interested in having one next year. We are on their contact list.

X. Announcements

- a. Mr. Tuttle said that on Monday, June 21, 2021, The Great Race will end for the day here in Joplin at 6th and Main Streets between 5-7pm. 130-140 racers from Canada will be coming in.
- b. Ms. Frankoski said that Connect2Culture is having their first performance since before COVID on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Joplin Empire Market. Farewell Angelina is the band, tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.
- c. Ms. Sullivan said that Summer Reading Art Challenge and other summer reading programs are in full swing at the library.
- d. Ms. Adams said that Spiva has resumed in-person classes.
- e. Ms. Davenport said that Downtown Joplin Alliance could always use volunteers for Third Thursday and for the Clean Team (which cleans up downtown).

Adjourned

Meeting


Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 4pm at City Hall, 5th Floor

Approved: _____



Jill Sullivan, Secretary

Approved: _____



Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair