



## JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

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

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Attended:** Patrick Tuttle, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Wally Bloss, Emily Frankoski, Paula Callihan, Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Jill Halbach Sullivan, Rikki Smith, and Brad Belk. Guest: Steve Spracklen.

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
- III. **Iris Gardens/Promotions**
  - a. No update.
- IV. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
  - a. No update.
- V. **Joplin's 150<sup>th</sup>**
  - a. **Ragtime/barbershop** – Barbershop Harmony clinic (free to all students) on April 14, 2023 at MSSU and the Percy tribute on April 15, 2023, concluding with a 100-person barbershop chorus (which will be free). The events will take place at MSSU's Taylor Auditorium rather than the Cornell Complex.
    - i. Barbershop Harmony Society – They are bringing in an international champion for both days (free to us). Will we sell tickets for this? We were leaning at keeping it free. This event is hosted by Celebrate Joplin.
    - ii. Discussion about tying a scholarship to this.
    - iii. Auditions for the role of Dolly Connolly, Percy's wife, are being held on Saturday, 7/9 and 7/16.
  - b. **Baseball event** – scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2023 (on the same day as the Ragtime/barbershop performances). Otherwise no update.
  - c. **Community Concert** – the RFPs on the talent buyer are back. This is part of the budget. No specific date has been set for this. Discussion about how July 4th falls on a Tuesday next year. Maybe we'd be doing this around that timeline, but the RFP said June-August.

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- d. **Cox Cemetery** – Ms. (Rikki) Smith said they are rebooting the 501 nonprofit. A workday at the cemetery is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st.
- e. **Local Color: Reflections of Joplin art exhibit** – At Spiva from 7/30-11/5 in the Regional Gallery, with the opening on Friday, July 29th from 5:30-7:30pm. It will be the last show in the Regional Gallery.
- f. Discussion about a bronze coming in to be a part of the Benton lithograph exhibit.
- g. 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.
- h. Route 66 grant coming out to improve things along Route 66 that are underrepresented. A part of what they'll fund is things to do with Black History, such as the Heritage Trail or the path planned for Ewert, and rehabbing Handy Chapel might qualify. We don't have much information about the grant yet because it's so new. Discussion about having a window workshop at AME.

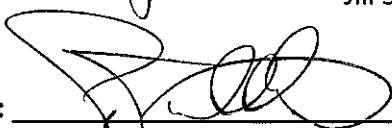
VI. **Marketing/Merch Committee**

- a. **Commemorative coins** – SMB is working on a script for the commemorative coins and they will start selling in August. SMB is the exclusive location for purchasing the coins. We'll have a PSA.
- b. **Postage stamp cancellation** - Chad found a contact with the Joplin Stamp Club and they are interested in doing something with a commemorative stamp. They meet twice a month and still going strong! They have meetings at Granny Schaefer's. Jerry Burns, the Postmaster, said that nowadays on stamps.com you can do your own stamp. We could look into doing that. Patrick will connect with the stamp club.
- c. **Website** – No update.
- d. **Sponsorships** – Mr. Tuttle said he's knocking around ideas for different levels of sponsorships, but don't want to go asking for money until we have specifics of what it would be used for. Joplin Historical Society will act as the fiscal agent for accepting donations for the Joplin Celebrations Commission so they can issue tax credit letters to donors.

VII. **Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 4pm at City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Approved:   
Jill Sullivan, Secretary

Approved:   
Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair