



JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 4pm

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Paula Callihan, Wally Bloss, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Barbara Hogelin, Brad Belk, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Patrick Tuttle, Rikki Smith, Jill Halbach Sullivan, and Emily Frankoski (via Zoom), and Holly Crane (guest).

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. July 2022: Motion made by Mr. Belk to approve the July 2022 minutes, seconded by Mr. Bloss, unanimous approval.
- III. **Iris Gardens/Promotions**
 - a. They recently had a sale at the Webb City Farmers Market; it was successful.
- IV. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
 - a. Discussion about potential future sites: Spiva Park and the Schubert Theatre at Cornell Complex. Ms. Frankoski said now would be a good time for the Schubert sign because they are working on the grounds.
 - b. Mr. Tuttle said we need to get the next three signs in the works.
 - c. Discussion about wrapping up the Route 66 and East Town signs.
- V. **Joplin's 150th**
 - a. Ragtime – On Friday, Dr. Stebbins and Mr. Tuttle will meet with Bobby Grey about the barbershop folks. The local barbershop group has secured the 2022 international barbershop champions for a high school music clinic. It's about 7k and the Harmony Foundation is paying for it. It's on April 14, 2022. Dr. Stebbins said the auditions for Dolly did not go very well, with only two showing up. It was decided that Robin Braun from Monette will be Dolly. Dr. Stebbins and Steve Spracklin went over to hear her sing and they separately agreed that she should play the role of Dolly. Mr. Spracklin met with her and he's pleased and thinks she can pull it off. A logo and branding have not been created for this. Paula Giltner, a local artist, has shown an interest in working on this. Ms. Smith said she

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geotagged Percy and Dolly's and other family headstones on Find-A-Grave. Mr. Tuttle said he will ask the Parks Department to look at and spiffy up the Wenrich plot.

- b. No update on the baseball event.
- c. No update on the stamp cancellation.
- d. Cox Cemetery – Ms. Smith said the Jasper County Cemetery Preservation group has been brainstorming about Cox Cemetery and a passport program that could kick off in Cox Cemetery. A cleanup date is scheduled for August 25, 2022.
- e. Joplin Film Series – Ms. Crane attended the meeting to discuss showing a film series with films either about or filmed in Joplin, or featuring actors from Joplin, to celebrate the Sesquicentennial. Dr. Stebbins came up with some ideas for films (which were emailed separately). It was decided we'd show 8 films—2 per month over 4 months (April, May, June, and July). Discussion about potential indoor and outdoor locations that films could be shown. Discussion about creating a passport of catalog for the series.

VI. **Marketing/Merch Committee**

- a. All is well with the coins—they are on sale at all SMB branches.

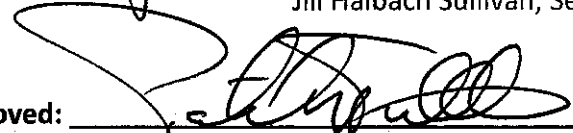
VII. **Meeting Adjourned**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 4pm at City Hall, 5th Floor

Approved: _____


Jill Halbach Sullivan, Secretary

Approved: _____


Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair