



## JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 4pm

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

**Attended:** Patrick Tuttle, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Daya Davenport, Wally Bloss, Brad Belk, Paula Callihan, Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Barbara Hogelin, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Jill Halbach, and Rikki Smith, with guests Jerry Berry and Lisa Nelson.

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. August 2022: Motion made by Ms. Callihan and seconded by Ms. Smith that we approved the amended minutes for August 2022; unanimous approval.
    - i. Amendment: There was an Iris sale at the Webb City Farmer's Market in late August; funds were raised.
- III. **Iris Gardens/Promotions**
  - a. An iris gardens tour is planned for Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 10am-2pm. People will gather at the Joplin Museum Complex for cookies, punch, and to pick up a tour map. The driving tour will feature both public and private iris gardens. Anyone with iris gardens is encouraged to participate as a spot on the tour; discussion about having awards, voting, etc.; info about iris planting and care will be available, as will a coloring sheet for kids to color irises (given that it's Mother's Day weekend).
- IV. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
  - a. No update.
- V. **Joplin's 150<sup>th</sup>**
  - a. Barbershop/ragtime event – Dr. Stebbins said the barbershop folks are having a lot of meetings and discussions and working hard on this program; they met at MSSU to see the facility; Taylor Auditorium has a ways to go, but they are working on it; they have secured a potential 5k donation for scholarship fund; they would like to meet with the MSSU Foundation; Steve Spracklin is back in town and he and the woman playing Dolly are starting to get together to

- rehearse; the Barbershop folks would like to have a meeting with Steve to sync and choreograph everything; Dr. Stebbins and Mr. Belk will work on the script.
- b. No update on the baseball event.
- c. Mr. Tuttle said a talent buyer has been selected and he will have more info at our next meeting.
- d. **Cox Cemetery – Ms. (Rikki) Smith... [amendment needed]**
- e. Collaboration with Bookhouse Cinema – Series entitled Joplin Goes to the Movies; discussion of which films, which dates, and how much it will cost us. Missouri Eagle has agreed to sponsor for \$1k. Ms. Halbach will speak with Ms. Frankoski about potential dates for a show at the Cornell Complex.
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VI. **Marketing/Merch Committee**

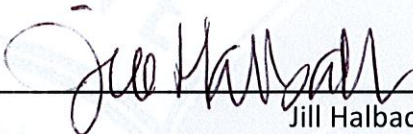
- a. Commemorative coins – The coins are out; we have commercials and PSAs; Mr. Tuttle will get something in the paper about it; someone else talked about doing some marketing and Mr. Tuttle has not yet been able to get in touch; coins will be on Living Well, Morning Show, and others. Someone went to SMB and tried to buy the ALL.
- b. Sponsorships – Mr. Tuttle secured \$1,400 for a cemetery passport project for the Jasper County Cemetery group and Cox Cemetery
- c. Art/history exhibits – The Thomas Hart Benton exhibit will open in November as the first exhibit in Spiva in the Cornell Complex; we are receiving a Benton bronze from KU as part of the exhibit; more details soon.
- d. Iconic Joplin (Lisa Nelson): Lisa Nelson presented a series of programs for endorsement, Iconic Joplin: 150 Years in the Making. This is a collaborative program led by Ms. Nelson of Landmark Builds, an up-and-coming business that she is launching. The Commission was presented with a handout detailing the project. A motion was made by Dr. Stebbins and seconded by Ms. (Rikki) Smith that we endorse – unanimous approval.
- e. Postage stamp/cancellation – Jerry Berry with the Joplin Stamp Club visited for discussion about creating a cancellation for the Sesquicentennial. Mr. Berry showed what was done for the Mo Bicentennial. He designed the Bicentennial one and had it printed; the club agreed that that's what they'd like to do; usually they choose from a stamp that will be issued that year; 2023 is up for grabs. They printed 40 for 2022, they usually sell out; they sell around 40 at the show and it's show-specific. If you're looking at something that's area-wide, then Mr. Berry suggested we'll want to print more. Discussion about how many times throughout the year do we want to try to sell them? The idea is we'd sell them and people would take them to the post office on that day to have them hand-cancelled. The biggest cost will be the postage itself. Determined by how much it cost to prepare, plus postage. The stamp club usually sells theirs for \$1 each, but all the club is out is the postage. Discussion about developing a stamp series of

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Joplin stuff. Mr. Tuttle mentioned featuring the founding fathers; Ms. Halbach said that we could do a series so it's not just people or the founding fathers. We could do preorders and deliver. The stamp club is open to whatever we'd like to do and they are willing to help however they can. Dr. Stebbins said that he wouldn't mind seeing the club come up with a design. They have talked about that and thought that the logo itself would make a nice design. Discussion about getting a bunch of them cancelled and we could sell them at a later date at other events.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

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

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Halbach, Secretary

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair

