

Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum Advisory Board
February 18, 2021 (Starting at 3:30 pm)
Location: Joplin Museum (504 Schifferdecker)

The first meeting of the Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum Advisory Board was held at the Joplin Museum (504 Schifferdecker) on the 18th day of February 2021, at 3:30 pm pursuant to the posted notice.

Meeting Called to Order:

Chris Wiseman as Museum Curator of the Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum opened the meeting.

Advisory Board Members Attendance:

Advisory Board members present at the meeting were:

Chris Wiseman, Bob Harrington, Allen Shirley, Nancy Messick, Kyle Denham, Kerstin Landwer (filling in for Patrick Tuttle), Diane Reid Adams, Brad Belk

Advisory Board members absent at the meeting were:

Paul Bloomberg and Patrick Tuttle

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Board Member Duties and Responsibilities: Chris explained that he and Paul Bloomberg are working on the duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Board versus the Museum Governing Board.

Museum Advisory Board Ordinance: Chris handed a copy of the Ordinance to each person at the meeting. Chris expressed that this Advisory Board was not responsible for raising money. This Advisory Board is to assist in the planning of Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum Programs, and promote and stimulate public interest therein. It is to solicit to the fullest extent possible the cooperation of public and private agencies. The Advisory Board shall be composed of seven members, including six members at large and the Director Emeritus of the Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum. The members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the mayor, by and with the consent of the city council. The Director Emeritus of the Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum may serve for more than two successive full terms. The City Parks and Recreation Department Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, City Council Liaison and Museum Curator shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members. The initial members shall be appointed in such a manner as to provide staggered terms.

New Business (continued):

- (1) Chris told the members present that if someone knows of an individual wanting to serve on this Board, please tell them to apply on-line through the City.
- (2) Board Member Terms needed to be determined at this meeting. Chris explained we needed two members for one year and then they will be eligible for an additional three year term, two members for two years and then they will be eligible for an additional three year term and two members for three years and then they will be eligible for an additional three year term. The City Attorney did not want everyone going off all at one time.
One Year Term Individuals: Chad Stebbins and Paula Callahan
Two Year Term Individuals: Kyle Denham and Allen Shirley
Three Year Term Individuals: Bob Harrington and Nancy Messick
More than two successive full terms: Brad Belk (voting member)
City Parks and Recreation Director: Paul Bloomberg (ex officio, non-voting)
Convention and Visitors Bureau Director: Patrick Tuttle (ex officio, non-voting)
Museum Curator: Chris Wiseman (ex officio, non-voting)
City Council Liaison: Diane Reid Adams (ex officio, non-voting)
- (3) Chairman = Bob Harrington
Vice Chairman = Kyle Denham
Secretary = Nancy Messick
- (4) Chris asked the Board about how many times we want to meet. Kyle Denham made a motion that we meet every other month and this was seconded by Allen Shirley. Motion passed. Nancy Messick as secretary reported this would mean the Advisory Board would meet April, June, August, October and December of 2021.
- (5) Chris advised the Board that the Museum is looking at hosting a Fireworks Trade Show inside Cox Hall and on the Museum Grounds at large. Chris is in discussion with the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall as to safety precautions. We would be renting the hall out at \$100.00 an hour with a two hour minimum. The show will run for two days. Our income off of the show would run \$1,600. The dates are April 23 and 24 and they will unload everything back to the warehouse on April 26. Motion was made by Kyle Denham to approve this event being hosted at the Museum, second was by Allen Shirley. Motion passed.
- (6) Chris started to inform the Board about the American Legion needing a meeting space but Bob Harrington explained that the City has given them a room at the airport and then when Memorial Hall is back open, the American Legion will be back to their permanent meeting location. Chris expressed to Bob Harrington that the American Legion is always welcome to use the Museum facility when needed.
- (7) Chris has been contacted by the Iris Society for a regular meeting space. Diane Reed Adams is a member so she explained who the Iris Society is. The Iris Society has provided approximately 600 very expensive rhizomes to Joplin to plant. These have been distributed to many areas to beautify our city. Diane explained that the local Iris Society has succeeded in being the hosts for the Regional Iris Conference in 2023 (all of Missouri and Kansas). In 2022, the growers will send 100 rhizomes of the latest variety to plant and sell during the conference. Also, the iris cookie cutter has been made and is for sale at City Hall. Brad and Chris will work with the Iris Society to schedule their meetings at the Museum for the day and time the Iris Society chooses. A motion for the Museum to provide meeting space for the Iris Society was made by Brad Belk and seconded by Nancy Messick. Motion passed.

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- (8) The Historical Society Fundraiser (Trivia Night with meal and alcoholic beverages at the Museum) has been put on hold due to obtaining a gaming license. Those already having purchased tickets will be notified of the cancellation and rescheduling. Their purchased tickets will be honored. All arrangements will soon be finalized and a new date will be set for Trivia Night.
- (9) Chris advised the Board that he is not connected to the City's accounting software so that is still a project being worked on.
- (10) Chris did update the Advisory Board on Museum Guest Visitation figures: 2018 (1,818 people) 2019 (1,795 people) 2021 (321 people). The Museum appreciates so much being under the city's umbrella prior to this pandemic. We must help each other as a team!

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Motion made by Nancy Messick and seconded by Kyle Denham. Motion Passed

Minutes taken by Nancy Messick (Dated March 2019)

