



## JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 4pm

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

**Attended:** Patrick Tuttle, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Wally Bloss, Lori Haun, Brad Belk, Paula Callihan, Dr. Tracy Godfrey, Jill Sullivan, and Susan Adams (via phone).

**Absent:** Abbi Surbrugg, Emily Frankoski, Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Chris Wiseman, Christina Matakel Gibson, Paula Baker, Ann Leach, Barbara Hogelin and Betty Smith.

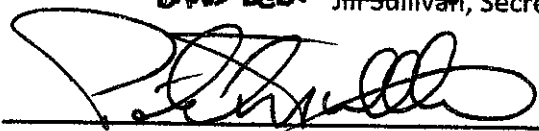
**Guests:** N/A

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. No minutes to approve from February 2021 meeting.
- III. **Iris Gardens**
  - a. The iris cookie cutters are selling well. To date, we've sold about 113 of the 300 that we had made. Cookie Crumbs – the journal of the National Cookie Cutter Collectors Club – has a brief article for our iris cookie cutters in their March 2021 issue. We've sold to 12 different states and have received some photos back from people who've used them.
  - b. Discussion about who will be hired to do the iris cookie for the Joplin's birthday party (March 23<sup>rd</sup>).
  - c. Discussion about having a flower show at the Market in late April/early May.
  - d. Dr. Adams said that if you have irises, now is the time to throw bone fertilizer on them!
- IV. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
  - a. Mr. Tuttle said that the RFP for the signage is out and due on March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have the results at our next meeting.
  - b. Mr. Belk said that he will ask Christina Williams for a mock-up of the signs before our next meeting.

- c. Dr. Stebbins said that he received some cool images for the Osage storyboard, but he's seeking permission to use them. Two are from the British Museum, so we'll have to see if we can use it and, if so, then whether it's free or we have to pay. We also have two maps that have already been cleared for use and he's working on a couple more with the State of Kansas for Osage Nation signage.
- V. **Missouri Bicentennial**
  - a. Discussion about having an ice cream social on Missouri statehood day. Specifically whether to do it as one large event or several different events throughout town.
  - b. Discussion about the Bicentennial merit badge program and what we could do; Patrick will forward the email.
  - c. Ms. Sullivan mentioned that Post Art Library recently launched Post Mail Art Projekt 2021: Show Me Mail Art. More information can be found here: <https://www.postartlibrary.org/postmailartprojekt/>.
- VI. **Joplin's Birthday Party – March 23, 2021**
  - a. The City's birthday party is on March 23, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Council chambers. Dr. Chad Stebbins will present his recently released book, *Joplin's Connor Hotel*, and have a book signing. MSSU will tape and televise the event. Connect2Cultire made a FB event page about it and made applicable organizations cohost. Cookies and punch will be available after the presentation.
- VII. **Marketing Committee**
  - a. The marketing committee will be before our next meeting.
- VIII. **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 2011 Tornado**
  - a. Discussion about the tornado's 10th anniversary happenings
  - b. 15 people were interviewed for a 30-45 minute segment that will be put together focusing on recovery rather than the day of
  - c. Joplin Hope Center Disaster Recovery (a digital library being created at MSSU so anyone can research planning, rescue and recovery) is underway and will be home to the aforementioned video segment.
  - d. The memorial run is in the morning.
- IX. **Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 4pm in City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

Approved:   
BRAD BELK Jill Sullivan, Secretary

Approved:   
Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair