



JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attendees: Co-chair Brad Belk, Co-chair Patrick Tuttle, Wally Bloss, Paula Callihan, Emily Frankoski, Lori Haun, Barbara Hogelin, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Ann Leach, Dr. Chad Stebbins, and Abbey Surbrugg

Absent: Jill Sullivan, Susan Adams, Paula Baker, Dr. Tracy Godfrey, Christina Matekel-Gibson, Betty Smith, and Chris Wiseman

Guests: Christina Williams

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle at 4:06pm**
- II. **Approval of Minutes – March 2021**
 - a. Mr. Bloss motioned to accept, Mr. Belk second, unanimously approved.
- III. **Joplin Heritage Trail**
 - a. Dr. Stebbins updated where the Heritage Trail project is and invited Ms. Christina Williams to share the draft design and layout. Following some discussion, the direction and status of the work completed to date was supported and complimented. The group is going to proceed and develop the content and images of the first eight on the list.
 - b. Dr. Stebbins also updated the information he received from the Osage Nation for the images and map for the related First Inhabitants marker. Mr. Tuttle said he would formally ask the Tribe if there was any interest in funding this initial marker.
 - c. Mr. Tuttle updated the commission on the bid he received on the Wayside Trail Markers. Three (3) bids were received from companies in Joplin, St. Louis, and Salt Lake City, Utah. Their bids were \$1,568, \$3,975, and \$1,031 per unit, respectively. However, the Joplin bid from Sign Designs was the only one to include installation in their price. This was a requirement per the RFP. Sign Designs will be awarded the project. The RFP stated our target was six (6)

markers per year for the next three (3) years. This gives the commission an estimate of the amount of funding the program is going to need -- roughly \$38,000 for 24 markers.

- d. Mr. Belk and Mr. Tuttle informed the commission about a related Wayside marker on Broadway, along Route 66 in East Town. The effort was to provide a marker providing details for the “Belonging to All the Hands Who Build” mural at the NW corner of Broadway and Mineral Avenue. After meeting with Public Works and the owners of Bookhouse Cinema, the NE corner of the intersection offers an opportunity for a double wayside marker, at right-angle telling the mural story, as well as Route 66 and East Town from the perspective of that location. Mr. Belk suggested this additional marker still follow the Heritage Trail design so they all will be compatible.

IV. **Irises**

- a. Dr. Reid Adams and Ms. Hogelin informed the commission of two upcoming Iris related events. On April 24th, the Tristate Iris Society will have an Iris Show at Joplin Empire Market. On May 8th (in time for Mother’s Day), there will be a Paint Your Own Iris Cookie event at the Joplin History and Mineral Museum. For both events, Mr. Tuttle is completing a flyer with information for Iris caring and planting, along with locations of public iris gardens. For the cookie event there will be a combination of donated and purchased iris cookie blanks for painting. Iris coloring pages will also be available.

V. **Marketing and Merchandise**

- a. Ms. Hogelin showed a plate she was given that was one of the merchandise items from the 1973 centennial. This led to discussion about what items the commission should have to pay for events during the 150th. Nothing was determined. Mr. Tuttle said he would try to get those interested in putting together a plan together prior to our next meeting. Mr. Bloss, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Leach, Ms. Surbrugg, and himself.

VI. **Missouri Bicentennial Events**

- a. Bicentennial Quilt, TBD – Mr. Tuttle updated that the State has not released a schedule for when the Missouri Bicentennial Quilt will be coming to Joplin. He will follow up.
- b. Ice Cream Social, TBD, August 10th – This is still an open item. We know we want Joplin involved, but specifics have not been determined. Mr. Tuttle will have a conversation with ice cream providers regarding single-serve units.
- c. Missouri Art Now at Spiva, May 29th-July 17th – This Bicentennial exhibit is currently on tour and is scheduled to be in Joplin May 29th at Spiva Center for the Arts. Everything is in place. Mr. Tuttle updated the group that Ms. Sullivan has completed an exhibit catalog and Visit Joplin funded the printing.


- d. Missouri Explores Merit Badges – Mr. Tuttle provided information on the Missouri Explorer project and stated that Visit Joplin is adding more Joplin locations. He encouraged all commissioners to go to the state Bicentennial website and register themselves so they will know what the program is about.

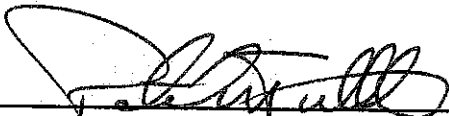
VII. **Legacy Discussion**

- a. There was a group discussion about what legacy to leave behind for the 150th anniversary. For comparison, Mr. Belk provided a brief background on the Thomas Hart Benton mural and how the Centennial Committee made that a reality. Was the Heritage Trail going to be the 150th? This is an open item. Discussion needs to continue.

VIII. **Meeting Adjourned**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 4:00 p.m. Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor.

Approved: 
Jill Sullivan, Secretary

Approved: 
Patrick Tuttle or Brad Belk, Co-Chair