



## JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 4pm

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

**Attended:** Patrick Tuttle, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Barb Hogelin, Daya Davenport, Susan Adams, Rikki Smith, Brad Belk, Emily Frankoski, Paula Callihan, Dr. Tracy Godfrey, and Jill Sullivan.

**Absent:** Chris Wiseman, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Wally Bloss, Abbi Surbrugg, Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Christina Matak-el-Gibson, Ann Leach, and Betty Smith (though she would attend by phone, if possible).

**Guests:** N/A

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. June 2021: Motion made by Ms. Frankoski to approve the June 2021 minutes, seconded by Ms. Adams, unanimous approval.
- III. **Updates on August 10<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Ice Cream Socials**
  - a. Please see the handouts and press release distributed with the meeting packet for further information.
- IV. **Review Joplin & Murphysburg Platting Commemorations**
  - a. All went well with the July 28, 2021 celebration of the platting of Joplin City (East Town) – good media coverage, the Globe covered it, and Mr. Belk did a follow-up interview about the Rev. Harris Joplin with Stuart Price.
  - b. The Murphysburg events are scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021. Please see the press release distributed with the meeting packet for further information.
- V. **Joplin Sesquicentennial Steering Committee Reports**
  - a. Joplin Heritage Trail

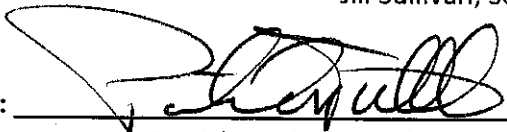
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- i. Read over the handouts (i.e. kiosk descriptions) that you received and send Patrick any corrections or suggestions as soon as possible.
    - ii. The Osage Nation has given approval for the Osage portion of the heritage trail signs.
  - b. Iris Gardens
    - i. Sunday at 2pm at Bookhouse Cinema the Tri-State Iris Society will have their regular meeting.
    - ii. The following Saturday (August 14<sup>th</sup>) is the sale at the Webb City market.
    - iii. Iris things are being planned for 2023, such as iris garden tours, a show, etc.
  - c. Special Events
    - i. Artists from Local Color Art Gallery would like to have an exhibit at Spiva to commemorate Joplin's 150<sup>th</sup>. Margie Moss and others from the studio will coordinate the show and Spiva will host it. Dates TBD.
    - ii. Margie Moss requests that we email her ideas we have for locations, people, etc. from Joplin history that the artists can work with.
      - 1. Ms. Frankoski offered to share photos that she's taken for Preservation Month over the years.
  - d. Marketing & Merchandising – No update
  - e. USPS Postmark
    - i. Patrick spoke with the new postmaster and we will have a special postmark (cancellation) for our 150<sup>th</sup>. Details TBD.
- VI. **Missouri Bicentennial Updates**
  - a. The Bicentennial Quilt will be on display in Joplin City Hall from October 27-29, 2021
  - b. Spiva will create barn quilt sheets to be distributed and collected at Spiva, Joplin Empire Market, and potentially the library. Kids will color their quilt squares, return the sheets, and they will be on display alongside the quilt and perhaps longer.
- VII. **Other Business**
  - a. Discussion about the State of Missouri time capsule – What could represent Joplin past, present, and future?
  - b. Discussion about whether we can dig up and open the time capsule from Joplin's 125<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Discussion about Cox Cemetery
    - i. Cemetery clean up days
    - ii. An event there in 2023, perhaps a picnic
- VIII. **Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 4pm at City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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Approved:   
Jill Sullivan, Secretary

Approved:   
Patrick Tuttle or Brad Belk, Co-Chairs