



JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 4pm

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Barbara Hogelin, Co-Chair Brad Belk, Wally Bloss, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Co-Chair Patrick Tuttle, Daya Davenport, Rikki Smith, Emily Frankoski, Secretary Jill Sullivan, and Susan Adams

Absent: Paula Callihan, Miranda Lewis, Christina Matekel-Gibson, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Ann Leach, and Betty Smith (though she will join by phone when possible).

Guests: N/A

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle at 4:12pm**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. August 2021 Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Frankoski to approve the August 2021 minutes, seconded by Ms. Adams, unanimous approval.
- III. **Recap: August 10, 2021 Neighborhood Ice Cream Socials**
 - a. Ms. Davenport said that they served about 180 people downtown.
 - b. Mr. Tuttle said that Bookhouse Cinema had about 30 people and that it was mostly kids at the North Heights social and Murphysburg had a rush of people, then it tapered off.
- IV. **Update on Murphysburg Sesquicentennial Events (9/11/2021)**
 - a. Please see the attached flyer.
- V. **Joplin Sesquicentennial**
 - a. 1973 song writing contest – Mr. Tuttle said that he was contacted by Keith Kirchner (who currently lives in Springfield, MO) about a song writing contest held in Joplin for the Centennial. Mr. Kirchner asked if we were interested in either using the song or hosting another song writing contest (and, if so, then he offered to help). Please see the attached article.
 - b. Joplin Heritage Trail

- i. Discussion about East Town mural description – Ms. Sullivan will make a couple of revisions and send to Dr. Stebbins for sending on to Christina Williams, who is designing the kiosks. Mr. Bloss mentioned that he thinks some sort of visual should be on the kiosk even though the mural is near. Ms. Frankoski suggested using some detailed shots of the mural and said that numerous may be found on Connect2Culture’s Facebook page and that she has even more, including images of the artist’s drawings. All agreed that some detailed imagery should be included on the kiosk sign.
- ii. Discussion about East Town description – Ms. Sullivan brought up that the local preservation commission is working to include the area of East Town in which the sign will be in the National Register of Historic Places and asked how should we include that on the sign? All decided to say that it’s “in progress.” Discussion about visuals that could be included in East Town narrative. Ms. Sullivan will continue to work on that narrative and finish it ASAP, as well as look into photo options.
- c. Iris Update – Last Saturday the Tri-State Iris Society had a sale at the Webb City Farmers’ Market and sold \$530 worth of irises. Then an auction raised more, with the total being about \$1k. The Tri-State Iris Society gave us a big box of irises to take out to the Parks Department. The Tri-State Iris Society meets next Sunday for their monthly meeting.
- d. Special Events
 - i. Mr. Tuttle called and spoke with the postmaster (Jerry Burns) about having a special postmark for the Sesquicentennial. They are in the process of mocking one up.
 - ii. Discussion about a *Vintage Joplin* exhibit that Ms. Sullivan would like to have at the library, as well as a potential local art exhibit, that would take place during 2023. Ms. Sullivan will draft a “Call for Entry” before the October meeting.
- e. Merchandise and Marketing – Mr. Tuttle said that he requested some catalogs, but that they sent the wrong ones, and he awaits others. The marketing subcommittee needs to meet.

VI. Missouri Bicentennial

- a. The Bicentennial quilt will be in Joplin October 27-29 in City Hall. Paper quilt coloring sheets will be available for pick-up and drop-off at: Spiva, Joplin Empire Market, and Joplin Public Library, as well as during the Murphysburg Sesquicentennial events. The sheets are due by October 21, 2021 to be included in an exhibit along with the showing of the quilt.
- b. The My Missouri 2021 Photo Project Exhibit is at the library through Sunday, September 26, 2021. It includes 200 photographs chosen from about 1,000 submitted.

- c. Missouri Explore, Merit Badge – Mr. Tulle has yet to hear any indication of how many are participating.
- d. Governor Parson Visit – The governor visited last Tuesday to speak about the Bicentennial and about 30 people showed up. He mentioned that the parade and ball – held in Jefferson City on September 18th – is open to the public.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 4pm at City Hall, 5th Floor

Approved: Jill Sullivan
Jill Sullivan, Secretary

Approved: Patrick Tuttle or Brad Belk
Patrick Tuttle or Brad Belk, Co-Chair(s)

