



JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Patrick Tuttle, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Wally Bloss, Barbara Hogelin, Paula Callihan, Rikki Smith, Diane Reid Adams, and guests Bobby Gray, Judd Fischer, and Scott Westwood (MSSU)

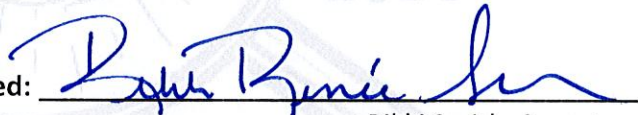
- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of March 2023 minutes – Motion made by Ms. Frankoski and seconded by Dr. Stebbins, unanimous approval.
- III. Accept resignation and thank you to Jill for her years of service as Joplin Celebrations Commission Secretary. Motion to nominate Rikki Smith to serve as Commission Secretary by Ms. Callihan, seconded by Mr. Bloss, motion carried.
- IV. **March 23rd Celebrations:** Recap of Birthday events. Great media and community participation.
- V. **Joplin Goes to the Movies:** Bonnie and Clyde upcoming. Discussion of Commission t-shirts so community members can identify points of contact for assistance. Saboteur is next at Bookhouse Cinema, which holds 45 people. Stewart Price (KSN TV) did a piece today. Captain Salvation will be in May in the Cornell Center.
- VI. **Percy Event:** Finalizing Timeline. Volunteers at 5:30 p.m. House Opens at 6:00 p.m.
- VII. **Baseball:** Uniforms expected Friday. Press Box announcing with a script from VBBA. Mayors of Joplin and Galena, with council members from Columbus and Pittsburg, will throw out the first pitch at 12:45 p.m. Some additional team caps will be for sale. Mr. Sachetta will loop Matt (Joplin Athletics Director) in on the final plans. Barbershop Quartet to sing the National Anthem. Sweet Adeline's going to sing at a nursing home to a 60-year Barbershop Singer from Joplin

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- VIII. **Community Concert:** Freeman Health System is still on board for sponsoring. Patrick is still working with Downstream Casino. This is very much in the development stage. Targeting September 8 & 9. Focus on bringing back former, well-known Joplin garage bands in a reunion format. An All-Star jam session will conclude each night. Daybreak Rotary will host alcoholic beverages, while Wildcat Glades will host non-alcohol beverages.
- IX. **Iris Tour:** Museum will also have cookie cutters, cookies, and coloring pages. Freeman and Mercy locations need to be determined and add Cox Cemetery – west side entrance from Landreth Avenue.
- X. **The Great Race:** 120 cars from 1907-67 will be participating. A group from California is organizing a Mini Cooper rally in the town on the same day—100 to 300 coming.
- XI. **Styles that Made the Day:** Presented by Dorothea B. Hoover Historical Society and Joplin History and Mineral Museum will be part of the Scottish Rite Centennial.
- XII. **Merchandise:** Coins and Cutters will be sold at the baseball games and both of the performances at Taylor Performing Arts Center.
- XIII. **Other:** Mr. Tuttle is looking into a stuntman who may have been from Joplin through Baxter Springs and tied to *Planet of the Apes*. Larry Holt is his name.
- XIV. **Missouri Preservation Conference:** Planning continues.
- XV. **Announcements:** None
- XVI. **Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.**

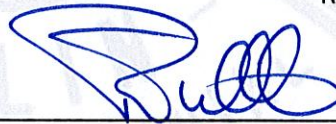
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall, 5th Floor.

Approved: _____



Rikki Smith, Secretary

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Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair