



JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Diane Reid-Adams, Barbara Hogelin, Bobby Grey, Wally Bloss, Paula Callihan, Patrick Tuttle, Jill Halbach, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Brad Belk, Emily Frankoski, and Rikki Smith

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of April 2023 minutes, motion made by Mr. Bloss, seconded by Ms. Callihan, unanimous approval.

III. Event Attendance thus far:

Bonnie & Clyde, 120	Percy, 800+
Acappellooza, 162	Saboteur, 55
Harmony Night, 700+	Lego Opening, 112
Vintage Baseball, 200+	

IV. Acappellooza: Mr. Grey says the event was a huge success. The April timeframe with proms, end of school, and festivals impacts the student attendance, but 162 enthusiastic kids attended. The support from MSSU was incredible. Wally was a pro emcee. Ragtime musicians and the Heartland Concert Band performed wonderfully. The talk is, "Should we do it again next year?" Even Master Grayson did a great job.

V. Landmark Build: Mr. Tuttle read an update from Lisa Nelson with Landmark build. The LEGO displays.

The teams concluded their LEGO builds on April 1, and we installed them in the Spiva Center for the Arts Four States Gallery on April 8. The opening reception on April 12 was attended by 112 people, all excited to see the landmarks. I was thankful to the sponsors and host organization for their enthusiastic support of the project during their remarks.

The exhibit will remain up until May 13, when it moves to the windows of the Christman Building at 5th & Main. I hope you will have a few minutes to stop by and see them.

Three judges from across the country — a historian, an architect, and a LEGO Master — are currently reviewing materials about the teams and their builds and will be deciding the winners of the Technical, Creativity, and Storytelling Awards.

Neal Group Construction sponsors the Awards Reception on June 8 with support from Post Art Library. It is being held in conjunction with the Preserve Missouri conference in the first week of June.

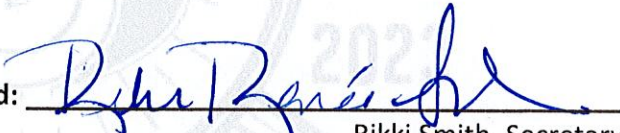
People's Choice Award voting opened on April 12 and continues until June 1. Vote as often as possible to help your favorite landmark win this prize. Each Landmark has a short video by Ashton Edwards. See the videos and vote here: [Iconic Joplin | People's Choice Award \(tally.so\)](#)

- VI. Joplin Goes to the Movies:** This event is progressing as planned.
- a. **Captain Salvation.** A piano tuner has been arranged. PSAs and Facebook Boosted post out now. Concession open. Missouri Eagle is providing a banner. DVD arrived. Pre-show 1080x1920 slide show of movies. Committee to usher, passports/stamps, and sell merch.
 - b. **There's No Business Like Show Business.** Patrick to do Living Well with Carol. Gary and Carol are on board to introduce the film.
 - c. **Duel** - Patrick to ask if Spielberg has a quote or thought about Duel.
 - d. **On Moonlight Bay** - Brad is introducing.
 - e. **The Hitch-hiker** - Josh is introducing.
 - f. **Alimony** - no business
- VII. Iris Tour:** The Map will list addresses for patrons to follow, starting at the museum. Ms. Reid-Adams is presenting to a group on the 9th and asked for 20 copies. Mr. Tuttle is working on the Iris handout. Mr. Tuttle will make copies.
- A lady who brought Iris fans to the Bonnie and Clyde movie will bring them to other outdoor events.
- VIII. Styles that Made the Day:** Paula says the Historical Society and Museum are working on the layout of where dresses will go for the July 21st event at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.
- IX. Scottish Rite Cathedral Centennial:** Morning parade. Model A's and Model T's and classic cars will bring dignitaries to the event. Events include rededicating the cornerstone, tours of the Cathedral, a theatrical production, and dinners.
- X. A History of Joplin Airlines:** The Freedom of Flight Museum will have a History of Commercial Aviation exhibit in the General Aviation Terminal.
- XI. The Great Race:** Mr. Tuttle said that a group in California is organizing a Mini Cooper tour. They will converge in Joplin just as The Great Race arrives on June 28th. There could be 100+ MINIs, in addition to the 127 Great Race cars. Regional classic cars will line 6th Street.

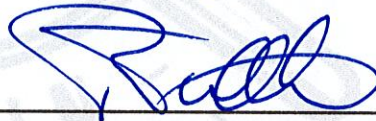
- XII. Joplin All-Star local Legends Community Concert Weekend:** Mr. Tuttle is meeting with old-time rockers to develop this event. They are meeting in two weeks to discuss and develop a timeline. The concept would be Saturday night bands of the 70s & 80s, and Friday night more modern. There is a possibility of a Ben Miller Band reunion as one of the headliners.
- XIII. Joplin Heritage Trail:** Three new boards are being developed.
- XIV. Merchandise and Sponsorships**
- a. **Funds thus far: \$41,000**
 - b. **Patrick has some Pittsburg, Galena, and Baxter hats left.**
- XV. Missouri Preservation Conference:** Ms. Halbach said that planning continues.
- XVI. Other Business:** Jill and Brad wanted to honor Ms. Betty Smith by asking the mayor to make a Betty Smith Day proclamation on July 28th. If she can't attend, maybe someone could accept it on her behalf. Perhaps allow a small group to visit her and video it / media along the side. Show DURING City Council. This depends on how she feels about it. Jill will get some "where as" information and ask for her input. Media might record an extended piece, and embargo the piece, then formally announcement at an August council.
- XVII. Announcements: Meeting Adjourned**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall, 5th Floor.

Approved: _____


Rikki Smith, Secretary

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Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair