

JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION



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Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

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

**Attended:** Diane Adams, Barbara Hogelin, Wally Bloss, Patrick Tuttle, Jill Halbach, Dr. Chad Stebbins, Brad Belk, and Rikki Smith

**I. Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of June 2023 minutes – Motion made by Mr. Bloss and seconded by Mr. Belk, unanimous approval.


**III. Event Attendance Thus Far:**

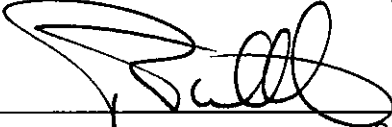
- o Bonnie & Clyde (movie #1) - 120
- o Acappellooza - 162
- o Harmony Night - 700+
- o Vintage Baseball - 200+
- o Percy Wenrich Tribute - 800+
- o Iris Tour - 80+
- o Saboteur (movie #2) - 55
- o Lego Opening - 112
- o Captain Salvation (movie #3) - 62
- o No Business Like Show Business (movie #4) - 165
- o Duel (movie #5) - 61
- o On Moonlight Bay (movie #6) - 88
- o The Great Race – 127 Racers, crowd at 3000+, 60 vintage cars, 85 Mini Coopers
- o The Hitch-hiker (movie #7) - coming up this week.
- o Alimony (movie #8) – July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. Styles that Made the Day:** Event upcoming. Planning is fine. Ms. Callihan informed the Commission that the Historical Society and Museum staff are ready.

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- V. **Scottish Rite Cathedral Centennial:** Several Masonic, state and local elected officials will attend the daylong events on July 22. The governor is unable to attend.
- VI. **ROCK STOCK Joplin All-Star Local Legends Concert Weekend:**  
The event is set for September 8 and 9 in Landreth Park. Posters and Handbill have been designed and will soon be available to distribute. Local organizations getting involved include Daybreak Rotary (beer garden), United Way (NFP Midway), and Friend of Wildcat (non-alcoholic beverages).
- VII. **Joplin Heritage Trail:** Two of the next three storyboards are complete – all three will be placed in Spiva Park (Spiva namesakes, 4<sup>th</sup> and Main history, and Connor Hotel). Historic Cox Farm and the Cornell Complex site are possible future locations. The goal has been to erect three to four each year through 2026.
- VIII. **Merchandise and Sponsorships**  
a. Commemorative Coin sales will end at SMB on August 1<sup>st</sup>. They will continue to be available at the Museum and CVB.  
b. Mr. Tuttle has Pittsburg, Galena, and Baxter baseball hats left.
- IX. **Missouri Preservation Conference** was a success.
- X. **Ms. Betty Smith Honors:** Mr. Belk and Ms. Halbach will finalize the wording, and Mr. Tuttle will coordinate the media and council agenda. The formal proclamation will be on the August 7<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda. Lifetime Achievement Award is being planned.
- XI. The Commission will start shifting shift focus to Route 66 and USA 250!  
a. November 11, 2026, is Route 66's 100th Birthday.  
b. Ideas being generated.
- XII. **Meeting Adjourned**  
Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor.  
No September Meeting is Planned.

Approved:   
Rikki Smith, Secretary

Approved:   
Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair