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**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
WORK MEETING ON MONDAY JANUARY 29, 2018 AT 4:00 PM,  
AT TOWN HALL, 118 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE, UTAH.**

**Meeting convened at 4:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Jeff Carlson, Lila Moss, Janet Hollis, Michelle Giardina

**EXCUSED:** Jack Burns

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk Darci Carlson, and Deputy Town Clerk Katy Brown, recording. Please see attached list for citizens signed in.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made by Lila Moss to approve the agenda; seconded by Michelle Giardina.**

**Hollis: Aye**

**Carlson: Aye**

**Moss: Aye**

**Giardina: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Commission Announcements:** Ms. Moss announced that the stone monument commemorating the historic irrigation ditches had been completed near MeMe's Cafe.

**Historic Stone Monuments near Canyon Vista Bed & Breakfast:** Mr. Dansie presented information to the Commission regarding the existing historic stone bollards at Canyon Vista Bed and Breakfast. An agreement between the Town and UDOT had been made prior to the start of the SR-9 Renewed project which included a clause stating that there would be no disturbance to the historic stones at that location. In addition to some deterioration due to the aging mortar, it had come to the Town's attention that the recent construction may have also inadvertently caused some damage to the stone structures. UDOT would be analyzing the stones and confirming the claim shortly. If it was determined that there was indeed damage caused by the road construction then the Commission would need to discuss how to proceed. Mr. Dansie offered two options. The first option was for UDOT to pursue an environmental review and analysis which would consume a considerable amount of time and resources. Another option would be for the Commission to waive the "no disturbance" clause in the original agreement, which, with the Commission's consent, would allow UDOT the latitude to complete repairs to the stone bollards without being subject to the arduous environmental analysis process. Mr. Dansie asked the Commission to discuss so he could report their feedback to UDOT.

Ms. Moss asked what the recourse would be if the repairs were to be completed unsatisfactorily by UDOT.

- Mr. Dansie replied that there would be no recourse in the scenario posed by Ms. Moss, which posed an inherent risk in moving forward with that course of action.

Mr. Carlson asked what the remedy was in the original agreement and how damages were addressed therein. Knowing that component could offer the Commission some guidance on how to proceed.

- Mr. Dansie was unaware of any remedies addressed in the original agreement and offered to look into it and report back to the Commission.

Ms. Hollis stated that she felt comfortable waiving the damage clause in the original agreement to move forward with repairs. The rest of the Commission agreed.

Mr. Dansie recommended for the Commission to put it on the next agenda for formal action in February.

**Intensive Level Survey:** Ms. Carlson announced that the Intensive Level Survey (ILS) process was well underway. The Town had reached out to UDOT's Architectural Historian Elizabeth Giraud who indicated that they had selected State contractor Korral Broschinsky to conduct the survey. Ms. Broschinsky had previously conducted the initial Reconnaissance Level Survey which identified eligible properties within Springdale that could be included in the ILS. Ms. Carlson had provided UDOT with a final list of approved properties determined eligible for the ILS and would await word from Ms. Giraud and Ms. Broschinsky regarding next steps.

Ms. Carlson explained that the purpose of the ILS would be to document the historical value of each property. After the documentation took place, official nominations to the National Historic Registry could commence.

**Action Items:**

**Review and approval of Irrigation Ditch Plaque content for presentation to the Town Council:** The Commission reviewed the proposed language that would appear on the plaque.

The Commission agreed that the proposed draft was sufficient and should be approved as follows:

*"Water from the Virgin River is the life blood of Zion Canyon and was crucial to the settlement of Springdale.*

*The first European pioneers, the Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), began building canals and ditches in 1863 to divert water from the river to their fields. Many of the waterways were lined with hand-hewn native sandstone blocks like these. Additional stone-lined ditches were built in the 1930's by workers in the Civilian Conservation Corps (the W.P.A.).*

*For over 100 years these stone lined canals and ditches provided irrigation and flood control for the community."*

**Motion made by Michelle Giardina to approve the content for the Historic Irrigation Ditch Interpretive Plaque as presented to the Commission; seconded by Janet Hollis.**

**Hollis: Aye**

**Carlson: Aye**

**Moss: Aye**

**Giardina: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Nomination and recommendation for the Historic Preservation Commission 2018 Chair and Vice Chair:** Mr. Carlson mentioned that the Historic Preservation Commission had been operating without a Vice Chair and felt that the position was important in the event the chair would be unable to conduct a meeting.

**Motion made by Lila Moss to elect Jeff Carlson as Chair and Michelle Giardina as Vice Chair of the Springdale Historic Preservation Commission; seconded by Janet Hollis.**

**Hollis: Aye**

**Carlson: Aye**

**Moss: Aye**

**Giardina: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Discussion/Information/Non-Action Items**

**Update on Logo Contest:** Ms. Brown announced that she had not received any submissions for the logo contest.

Ms. Moss presented her own artistic rendering as a proposed logo for the Historic Preservation Commission.

- Ms. Hollis felt that Ms. Moss's logo submission would serve as a fine representation for the Commission.

It was discussed that the current methods of promotion for the logo contest could be amplified and that the terms of the contest could stand to be clarified.

Ms. Moss suggested turning the task of gathering submissions for the logo contest over to Z-Arts since the group had such wide access to a network of artists.

- Ms. Giardina felt a collaboration would be appropriate if that was the route the Commission wanted to go.

Mr. Carlson summarized that the Commission should revisit the newsletter announcement from January and inquire if Z-Arts would be interested in helping the Commission spread the word. He also suggested contacting local galleries to help scope the community for participants.

Mr. Carlson asked if Ms. Moss and Ms. Giardina could spearhead the composition of the message/flyer and talk to those discussed to raise awareness and interest.

Ms. Moss agreed to submit content for the February newsletter announcement.

**Project Prioritization - Identify top priorities for Historic Preservation Commission to focus on in 2018:**

Mr. Carlson felt that the group made some good progress so far but was hoping to develop a shortlist of priorities and attach them to Commission members to oversee.

**Town Museum:** Mr. Carlson reported that the Ence ownership group was still considering the Town's proposal for the museum. He mentioned that he had also discussed funding with the County Commissioners and they wanted the Town to ensure that they apply for RAP tax funding.

Until they heard back from the Ence ownership group, Ms. Moss felt that the Town Museum should be put on hold.

- Mr. Carlson felt the Commission should consider alternate options, even something as simple as getting the word out that the Historic Preservation Commission was looking for space that would work for use as a museum.
- Ms. Moss felt strongly that there weren't any other feasible options for a Town museum if the Canyon Ranch property fell through.

**Folk Life Festival:** A group had been formed and had met at least once. No date had been decided. Ms. Moss was on the board. The Commission agreed to keep the Folk Life Festival as a high priority.

**Fundraising – Grants:** Grant Applications would be due in two weeks. Ms. Moss felt it would be difficult to request funds for projects that hadn't been decided yet.

- Mr. Carlson suggested that the Commission determine what type of projects they would be interested in pursuing and check the applicable submission deadlines.

**Oral History Project:** Ms. Moss felt that the Oral History Project should be high on the priority list. Oral History discussion naturally opened into a larger discussion captured under Springdale History Collection/Compilation Project below.

**Springdale History collection /compilation project:** Ms. Giardina felt that the Commission wouldn't necessarily require a museum and wondered if they could entertain the idea of a kiosk-type platform to digitally display any historical items collected.

- Mr. Carlson agreed and felt that with or without a museum, the Commission still needed to collect content to present.

- Ms. Moss shared a brochure that she had picked up in Escalante and asked the Commission if they liked the idea of providing an information brochure.
- Mr. Carlson mentioned an earlier suggestion from Mr. Dansie about a walking tour.

**Bishop's Granary:** Ms. Giardina asked if the Commission had ever considered refurbishing the Granary and using that as a starter museum.

- The Commission found favor in this idea and as they continued discussion they came to the conclusion that this could rise as a priority. At the very least, the Commission agreed that perhaps they should explore preservation efforts for it.

**NRHP Intensive Level Survey:** Per Ms. Carlson's comments earlier in the meeting the Commission felt that the survey was well underway and they were comfortable allowing the process to unfold while focusing on other pressing projects.

**Pioneer Cemetery:** Mr. Carlson offered to reach out to the families of the deceased resting there for some additional information gathering and to communicate the Commission's support of the preservation of the Historic cemetery.

**HPC promotion – Town Website, Town Newsletter:** Ms. Giardina felt that Commission promotion should be a high priority.

**Commissioner Project Assignments and Action Plans:** The following determinations were collectively made regarding who would lead the Commission's high priority projects:

- Ms. Moss - Folk Life Festival and Town newsletter content
- Mr. Carlson – Follow-up on Pioneer Cemetery and the Zion Canyon Village Collection
- Ms. Giardina – Grant sourcing and logo contest collaboration with Z-Arts
- Ms. Hollis – Oral History Project and legal implications for the use of Heaton Family collection photographs

**Consent Agenda:**

**Motion made by Janet Hollis to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017 as presented to the Commission; seconded by Lila Moss.**

**Hollis: Aye**

**Carlson: Aye**

**Moss: Aye**

**Giardina: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjourn:**

**Motion to adjourn at 5:29 PM made by Michelle Giardina; seconded by Lila Moss.**

**Hollis: Aye**

**Carlson: Aye**

**Moss: Aye**

**Giardina: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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Katy Brown, Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_