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**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 AT 1:00 PM
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UTAH 84767**

Meeting convened at 1:03 am.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Rich Levin, Commissioners Jean Krause, Kathleen Kavarra Corr, and Robert Carlton

EXCUSED: Heidi Madsen Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Planning Technician Shelly Heaton, Deputy Clerk Aren Emerson, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. Please see attached list of attendees.

Commission members introduced themselves and provided a brief statement of their backgrounds.

Robert (Bob) Carlton: Mr. Carlton and his wife had been permanent residents in Springdale for about a year and a half. He had a master's degree in public administration and an interest in history and current events. Mr. Carlton was looking forward to being an active part of the Commission.

Kathleen Kavarra Corr: Ms. Corr came to Springdale in 2000 as a park ranger. She recently completed a PhD in Geoscience and also had degrees in geography, and communications. Ms. Corr said she knew the area well both historically and environmentally. It was an honor to be a member of the Commission.

Rich Levin: Mr. Levin had lived in and around Springdale for about five years. He was a retired peace officer, park ranger, and interpreter. His involvement with the community had taken shape as a member of the Commission and with the History Center. In conjunction with Dixie State University, Mr. Levin helped create an internship position for the History Center.

Jean Krause: Ms. Krause lived in Virgin and had been a member of the Commission for about a year and a half. She held a bachelor's and master's degree in history. Ms. Krause was also a former member of the Virgin Historical Society.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Jean Krause to approve the agenda; Seconded by Rich Levin.

Corr: Aye

Levin: Aye

Krause: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

General Announcements: Ms. Carlson provided Commissioners with a brief update on the History Center. Recently the Town Council approved a contract with ASSIST, an architectural design firm, to develop a floor plan and elevations. This company organized a design charrette with stakeholders to collect input on the look and feel of the facility as well as exhibits. The Planning Commission would be asked to review plans in a Design/Development Review in the coming months.

Ms. Corr asked about the original design and what had changed from the initial concept.

- The original building had been acquired by the Town and a plan for reconstruction was developed by the architectural design firm CRSA. During demolition, Old School Construction identified extensive termite damage in addition to significant issues with the concrete pad. Because of this, moving forward with rehabilitation was not recommended and the building was razed.
- Money from the county, a grant, and RAP tax would fund construction.

Ms. Corr asked if the Historic Preservation Commission had a budget.

- At this time there were no initiatives requiring funds. Should efforts to rehabilitate or restore a Town-owned historic asset require funding, the Town Council could approve money in a future budget amendment. Budget amendments were approved several times during a fiscal year.
- The Historic Preservation Commission was a Certified Local Government (CLG) which qualified for funding through the National Park Service. Any CLG grant funding received would require a 50% match. The last grant application submitted was for a new roof at Under the Eaves. In this instance, the property owners provided the local matching funds. The Town was eligible to apply for grant funds every other year.
- Money was available to Commissioners for training should they identify a conference or class and want to attend.

Community comments and questions: There were no community comments or questions.

A. Action Items

1) Nomination and recommendation of Springdale Historic Preservation Commission 2022 Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Levin commented he enjoyed his service as Chair but appreciated others taking a leadership role. Once appointed, the term of service as either Chair or Vice-Chair was one year.

Responsibilities of the Chair were administrative in nature. The Chair helped to schedule meeting dates and set the agenda. Both the Chair and Vice-Chair were encouraged to take on HPC projects and help move them toward completion.

Motion made by Rich Levin to nominate and approve Jean Krause as 2022 Commission Chair. Seconded by Robert Carlson.

Corr: Aye

Levin: Aye

Krause: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Rich Levin to nominate and approve Kavarra Corr as 2022 Commission Vice-Chair. Seconded by Jean Krause.

Corr: Aye

Levin: Aye

Krause: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Information/Discussion/Non-Action Items

1. Update on the Historic Pioneer Cemetery Condition Surveys and next steps: Ms. Krause explained the Condition Survey Forms and process to the Commission. Documentation about each gravesite included measurements and photographs taken from each direction. Sites 31 and 33 still needed to be completed. Lisa Zumpft had helped Ms. Krause with the project. Once the documentation work was done, Ms. Krause suggested the Commission could conduct a site visit and determine what to do next related to the cemetery preservation.

- Ms. Krause was thanked for all her work.

Mr. Levin suggested DSU intern Kass Price could input the Pioneer Cemetery data collected into a Google doc. This could be used to apply for grants in order to upgrade the cemetery grounds. The

Commission would need to make a decision if the Pioneer Cemetery should be opened up to programming and public access or closely protected.

- The Town recently upgraded its cemetery software to a cloud-based system. Ms. Carlson recommended the Commission engage Town Sexton Ryker Steglich to seek his advice regarding data entry.

2. Discussion of Bishop's Granary Interpretive Site: Mr. Levin recently worked with the Washington County Historical Society to coordinate a field trip in Springdale. The Bishop's Granary was one of the most talked-about parts of the tour; however, there was still much that needed to be done in the way of stabilization, research, interpretation, and landscape. The Commission should make recommendations on how to preserve the historic asset and seek funding to develop that plan.

Ms. Corr questioned the current location. She felt it was difficult for the public to access and walk around.

- Over the past eight years, Historic Preservation Commission members had discussed an alternative location for the granary including the gazebo area, History Center property, LDS church meeting house, and the River Park. None of these locations presented any perceived advantage over where the granary was located now. Although there were some difficulties with the current site, Commissioners were encouraged to discuss what could be done to make it more accessible and usable by the public.
- In its current location, Mr. Levin said the structure was highly protected. During his research for the Washington County Historical Society field trip, he found information indicating the LDS Church hierarchy assigned women of the community through their Relief Society to distribute commodities held in the granary. With this, there was pervasive evidence the building was more of a treasure than anticipated.
- Before coming to the Town, the granary was located at the Harvest House. It was unknown where the structure was located originally. Ms. Corr noted the granary looked very much like Williams Heap's House.

Mr. Carlton asked if there was a plan to remediate the flood damage behind the granary.

- The Town was in the process of working with a contractor to mitigate flood damage and improve the wash in that area. Construction would likely start later this summer; therefore, now was an ideal time to discuss granary enhancements.

It was recommended one or two Commissioners analyze the site and make a plan for what needed to be done next. Mr. Carlton expressed interest in helping.

3. Review and input on a draft of the History Center Scope of Collections document: DSU intern Kass Price created a draft Scope of Collections document for the Town. Mr. Levin emphasized the importance of this document because it informed what the Town could do and would take related to the History Center. Commission members were encouraged to provide feedback on the document itself and give input regarding its content.

Ms. Corr asked about the scope of the museum and if a climate-controlled area was being considered in order to hold collections.

- Ms. Carlson said a temperature and humidity-controlled area was discussed; however, costs were prohibited given the budget. The History Center would contain a research room that would house digital information for the public to access.

Ms. Corr suggested people in the community may have an interest in temporarily lending collections for display. She recommended temporary or borrowed collections be addressed in the document.

Ms. Krause asked about the relationship between the Historic Preservation Commission and the Springdale History Center.

- The answer to this question had not been fully defined.

While preparing an exhibit on the rocket test facility in Virgin, Ms. Krause said the Utah Humanities Council was a good resource to learn about exhibits and how to manage collections. Staff should consider engaging them for training.

4. Consideration of other preservation projects and initiatives: Mr. Levin talked about the 'rule of one' and how important it was for individuals to take on projects and follow them through to completion.

- Ms. Corr countered the 'rule of many' helped build community connections and interaction. Asking people to participate was important and there were ways to embed people into projects such as the mosaics.

Ms. Krause wanted to resurrect the idea of a historic walking tour. There were a number of local sites included on a tour many years ago which could be incorporated into a refreshed concept.

- Ms. Corr was interested in this project and volunteered to work on it.

5. Future Commission meeting dates: Staff would work with newly appointed Chair Jean Krause to establish future meeting dates, taking Commissioner schedules into consideration.

Commissioners reiterated their commitment to projects: Mr. Carlton would spearhead the granary; Ms. Krause would continue to work on the Pioneer Cemetery; Ms. Corr would lead efforts with a historic walking tour.

C. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm made by Rich Levin. Seconded by Jean Krause.

Corr: Aye

Levin: Aye

Krause: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

ATTEST: _____ DATE: _____



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ATTENDANCE RECORD

Please print your name below

Meeting HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION Date 04/13/22

IN PERSON ATTENDEES:

REMOTE ATTENDEES: (Clerk will complete)

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Kelly McKean
Name (please print)

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Joe Zuff
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