

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 08, 2020, 5:30 P.M. Held via Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE (Via Zoom):

Members: Beverly Beckstead, Paul Benner, Gayle Conger, Melinda Hortin, Jim Kichas, Ken Verdoia, Carol Woodside.
Excused: Don Antczak, Jerry Christensen, Allen Erikson.
Staff: Tali Bruce, City Council Rep.; Ann Eatchel, Culture Mgr.; Paula Melgar, Records, Culture & HR Director; Caroline Whitmore, Culture Coordinator

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Jim Kichas, Chair, called the group to order and thanked them for their virtual attendance.

MINUTES APPROVAL

The June 10, 2020 virtual meeting minutes were unanimously approved by motion and second.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY UPDATE

Jim turned the time over to Tali and Ann for the City update. Tali reported the Council is impressed with our CH Committee's presence on **Face Book**. They recognize the work going into gathering and presenting the questions and photographic information, and think it is effective.

The time then turned to Ann, who is working (in collaboration with Midvale City), on a Council approved, elaborate **Rolling Car Show Parade**, to be held August 22. The parade will include Hot Rods, Rat Rods, Classics, and other cars parading through neighborhoods in Cottonwood Heights and Midvale City. They are working on the route, which will include parks and some local schools. To maintain social distancing, people who live on streets not on the route, can go by car to a nearby school or park to enjoy the parade. **CH Electronic Billboards Usage**. Ann is responsible for information showing on the two electronic billboards in the City. The billboards are located on Wasatch Blvd. & Ft. Union Blvd., and on 1300 E. near the Home Depot Center. The Arts Council is posting a project titled "*Theatre in the Heights, Tricks of the Trade*", which will be posted for a couple of weeks. Right now there is space available, and Ann asked if we have information we would like posted? She reminded us the City has a graphics designer who can help with these postings and we have budget which may be used. Suggestions were (1) our new Facebook Page and (2) the book *City Between the Canyons*. The group thought these were good ideas, as many of our initiatives and planning will have a presence on the Facebook Page, and it is a good way to get people informed about what our committee is doing. **Interested committee members were invited to help. Ann will come up with other ideas and Jim will be the point person regarding ideas and budget for this project.**

COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW/DISCUSSION

Jim reported the 2020 Strategic Plan is on track, including (1) Our new Facebook page is up and running. (2) Butlerville Days was cancelled because of Corona Virus. (3) The October City Hall Display has not yet been confirmed. (4) We are partnering with the Trails Committee by adding historical

information to City Walks. (5) The inventory of our records for permanent preservation is 70% complete. (6) We must complete our records inventory before we can develop a plan for records preservation. (7) Gayle is keeping the Committee's State and Federal registrations updated. We will check on these items regularly. **It was suggested that our next committee meeting include beginning a 2021 Strategic Plan.**

FY 2021 COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Jim reported the 2021 budget has been approved by the City. If we adhere to the budget as written, we will have a residual \$1,000 at the end of the year. Jim asked Ann the process to access that residual if the need arises. She reminded us any changes must have agreement by the committee and then go to the City Manager for final approval.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Archives (Jim). Jim has nothing to report.

CLG/Historic Preservation (Gayle). Gayle reported she and Carol are preparing a packet of information to be sent to owners of homes which may qualify for nomination to the **National Register of Historic Homes**. This packet includes a letter signed by the City, and a Permission Form signed by the homeowner, to be returned to the Committee. After discussion, several changes will be made to the information before it is mailed to homeowners. A second project underway is the **Trails Committee Collaboration** to provide historical information for the seven City Walks the Trails Group have created. This information was scheduled to be presented to the City on Monday. Gayle has not heard the results of their presentation. Gayle thanked Carol and Beverly for information they provided on the **Crestwood Pool**. Their information sparked memories from people on the Trails Committee, who were able to make contacts and collect additional valuable information about the pool which was built in 1959. Jim ended the discussion by stating we need to begin now to plan for the February 2021 Grant Application deadline to receive funding from the State Office of Historic Preservation.

Oral History (Ken). Ken mentioned, on a personal note, he has purchased additional equipment to augment his recording capabilities. This means, when the point is reached when we can conduct interviews, we will have enhanced lighting and sound capabilities.

Social Media Page (Jim). Jim reported Social Media Information is being gathered as backlog for posting, and stories have been received from Gayle, Carol, and the Trails Historic Walks Group. Jim is handling the editing necessary to make it more social media friendly and he is also finding relevant photos. We are getting good engagement from citizens, who are submitting photos and information. Jim asked the group if they have comments or suggestions for improvement. None were given, so we will continue to stay the course. Of interest is where the people who are joining are from. There seems to be a small "bump" every time the Facebook Page is mentioned in the City Newsletter. In answer to a question about analytics, the response was Facebook tracks this information. **Jim will pull this data for the next meeting.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Membership/Allen Erikson's Resignation. Jim received a letter of resignation from Allen Erikson. He and his wife will soon be moving out of the area, and we will miss them. We are now

short two members on the committee. Jim asked Ann if we know yet how the interview went with the recent applicant for committee membership? She responded it is being taken into consideration by the City Manager, and a decision will be made soon. With Allen's resignation, we have lost the member who had an Architecture professional background, which is needed for our CLG Certification. It was suggested we advertise the position in both the City Newsletter and on our Facebook Page, and state people with a background in architecture will be given preference. We also could use representation from District One. **Ann responded she will make sure the appropriate information is published in the August Newsletter.**

Roundabout Planning. Jim asked if anyone had heard the status of the Roundabout construction, as he did not want our Committee to *drop the ball* on anything. Tali responded there has not been any recent discussion in Council meetings, it seems to be in a *holding pattern*. Jim affirmed our committee, will be ready to help whenever asked. Recollection was that a \$10,000 payment was to be made for demolition of the two historic homes (owned by Japanese/American families), located on the site of the street expansion. Also, CH City would be paying for the monument. **Gayle and Ann will work together to gather information we already have about these families. Ann and Paula will research the situation from the City's perspective.** The Art Council is looking at doing a statue or something on the roundabout site. They have been advised that care should be taken, as school kids like to deface statues (with inappropriate markings). This must be taken into consideration for anything erected in the roundabout.

Old Mill. Beverly reported a friend of hers had a conversation with the Walker Family, owners of the Old Mill, and learned the Old Mill may soon be sold, with great hopes that the building will be renovated. There are two buyers interested. If the Pandemic had not occurred, it would probably already have been sold. Beverly also mentioned she recently spoke to Don Antczak's wife, and he really misses attending our meetings.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, by motion and second, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Remote meeting tentatively set for **Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.**