

1 Providence Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
2 August 17, 2010  
3 6:00 p.m.

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5 THOSE ATTENDING: Jackie Robinette, Alma Leonhardt, Hoyt Kelley, Jay Hicken,  
6 Karl Seethaler  
7 Others: Dale Astle  
8 Minutes taken by Brenda Nelson

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10 Motion by A. Leonhardt to approve minutes of July 20, 2010. Second by H. Kelley. J.  
11 Hicken stated that on page 3 line 15 the word should be “*make* recommendations” instead  
12 of “*made*”. All in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

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14 J. Hicken noted that we need to have a name for the smaller core area of the historic  
15 district. This would be the area from 100 West to 100 East and 100 North to 200 South.  
16 K. Seethaler suggested “central Providence”; H. Kelley’s suggestion of “core area” could  
17 also work. This area is denoted as such mainly for zoning purposes. J. Hicken stated that  
18 we don’t need to decide on this tonight, but at a future meeting.

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20 **Item 1. Update on new Commission members and term limits**

21 D. Astle reported that the person suggested as a replacement on the Commission declined  
22 the invitation to serve. The Mayor called for volunteers in the newsletter, and one person  
23 called and expressed interest. Her name is Carol Nyman, and the Mayor will be talking  
24 with her this next week.

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26 The other item we need to decide is the length of time each Commission member will  
27 serve. D. Astle said we need to overlap terms so there is always continuity. He  
28 suggested there be 2 and 4 year terms. Following discussion, it is recommended that J.  
29 Hicken, A. Leonhardt, J. Robinette, K. Seethaler and the new replacement member each  
30 serve a four year term. B. Nelson, H. Kelley and K. Harris would serve the two year  
31 terms. D. Astle felt like these term limits are a way to have things come to a conclusion.  
32 Then if the person wants to stay on the Commission, he/she can ask to be considered for  
33 another term. It would be a way to give others a chance to serve. D. Astle expressed  
34 appreciation from the City to this group for all they have done. B. Nelson will contact  
35 K. Harris and make sure that assignment is okay with her.

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37 **Item 2. Update on signage details for historic signs.**

38 J. Hicken presented a list of costs for the historic signs. Having the signs at the entrances  
39 of the City be 18 x 24 inches instead of 18 x 12 inches, will raise the total cost to \$1865.  
40 He worried that this would put us over budget. B. Nelson assured him that figuring in-  
41 kind costs, we should still have enough to stay within the \$2000 allotted for this project.  
42 J. Hicken said he gave Brett Ferris of State Barricade the drawing of the stick-on street  
43 signs. We haven’t set the color for the larger signs. A. Leonhardt thought we had agreed  
44 on the brown sign with white lettering which is used for historical monuments, parks and  
45 museums. J. Hicken showed members pictures of the signs on Historic Center Street in

1 Logan. It says “Welcome to Logan City Historic District”. We could do it just the same  
2 only change it to “Providence”.

3 J. Hicken will make a rendering of the sign to give to State Barricade to make the four  
4 entrance signs. He will get the drawing to B. Nelson who can submit a requisition for all  
5 the signs.

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7 **Item 3. Update on intensive level surveys.**

8 B. Nelson reported that she had tried to contact the people whose homes were to be used  
9 in the survey. She got one disconnected number, two out of state numbers, several that  
10 didn’t answer. She does not feel she has time to continue trying to reach these people.

11 She was willing to send a letter. D. Astle felt that a personal contact was best. He  
12 thought if each of the Commission took 2 people each, it wouldn’t take long. H. Kelley  
13 felt that a letter was fine. B. Nelson said she thought Korral Broschinsky would contact  
14 the home owners as part of the project. H. Kelley said that in 2005 when we did the  
15 reconnaissance survey, there was no objection to taking pictures of the homes.

16 J. Hicken made a motion that we call Korral Broschinsky and see how this is done in  
17 other cities. If we do send out letters, we should do it by registered letter so we know  
18 they received the letter.

19 Second by A. Leonhardt. Discussion: H. Kelley felt that people would be unduly  
20 concerned if they got a certified letter. What about those who are renting out the homes;  
21 would it get forwarded? A Leonhardt said he would like J.Hicken to amend the motion.

22 J. Hicken asked that B. Nelson contact K. Broschinsky and see if she plans to meet with  
23 the home owners. He felt like B. Nelson could decide what to do next whether it is  
24 sending a letter or bringing it back to the Board.

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26 **Item 4. Discussion on possible ordinances for Historic District**

27 H. Kelley said he didn’t get time to refine the draft document of the ordinances like he  
28 had hoped. D. Astle suggested meeting with Jay Baker, the County Planner, and see if he  
29 could give us a few pointers. J. Hicken suggested we meet with the Planning  
30 Commission and have Jay Baker give a presentation to both groups.

31 D. Astle said the planner helps streamline the process and give you direction. He notes  
32 pitfalls to watch out for. H. Kelley said the ordinance work belongs to the Planning  
33 Commission. A. Leonhardt suggested they come to our next meeting. The Chairman is  
34 Glen Busch. A. Leonardt did not feel we need the whole Planning Commission, just the  
35 Chair and maybe one other. J. Hicken felt that if we could make suggestions, then the  
36 Planning Commission could put it into the proper wording.

37 H. Kelley has created a draft of a document that is similar to Springville’s ordinances.  
38 He felt theirs were the best and the most like what would be best for our city. He  
39 wondered if we wanted to continue with his draft or start from scratch. A. Leonhardt felt  
40 like we should meet with the County Planner and the Planning Commission and they  
41 would give us a pretty good idea. However, it is good to have a place to start. He felt H.  
42 Kelley’s document was a good place to start. J. Hicken agreed. B. Nelson stated she  
43 liked H. Kelley’s suggestion of having some ordinances be required and some that are  
44 recommended. D. Astle said we should keep the requirements to a minimum – such as  
45 not allowing a flat roof on any building. Motion by J. Hicken that we invite Jay Baker,  
46 County Planner, and at least the Chairman from the Planning Commission to our next

1 meeting. Second by A Leonhardt. All in favor. K Seethaler will contact them and invite  
2 them. We can send them a copy of the document H. Kelley wrote.

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4 **Item 5. Discussion on Sauerkraut Dinner opportunities.**

5 A. Leonhardt asked what the City was going to do for sauerkraut. D. Astle said Rex  
6 Hamilton is growing cabbage and is going to cure it himself. H. Kelley said he will talk  
7 with Dennis Watkins about selling some of our history books at the dinner. A. Leonhardt  
8 mentioned that a lady called him from Pennsylvania asking about getting a history book  
9 and other questions about the history of the City. Hicken asked if he told her about the  
10 website. J. Hicken stated that last year we had considered setting up a display of historic  
11 artifacts such as Providence 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward had for its centennial celebration. He wondered if  
12 we would like to do something like that this year. We discussed displaying some of the  
13 City scrapbooks for people to look at.

14 Do we want our display in the hall or the gym? The hall is better since we see more  
15 people coming to and from the dinner. J. Robinette asked who a contact person would be  
16 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward historic items. Ken Braegger was suggested. Need a table to display  
17 books. What about enlarging a few of the pictures from the book and hanging them along  
18 the hall for people to look at.

19 D. Astle said you might choose a historical picture of Providence and ask the public to  
20 respond to "Do you know where this picture was taken?" J. Hicken suggested Dave  
21 Low, Councilmember, had put together all those pictures for the sesquicentennial.

22 J. Robinette suggested putting a request in the City newsletter for items and pictures. H.  
23 Kelley suggested making placemats using a historic picture. J. Hicken said it is important  
24 to sell the history book to some of the younger members of our community. This would  
25 give them a closer tie to the city.

26 J. Robinette volunteered to look for information that we can pull together to make this a  
27 fun display. She will contact Ken Braegger. H. Kelley felt we should get some of Ken  
28 Braegger's articles for the website. D. Astle said there is room in the newsletter to report  
29 on what the Commission is working on.

30 At the next meeting, we will finalize assignments for the dinner, which will be held  
31 Friday, Oct. 22. H. Kelley will ask Dennis Watkins about enlarging some photographs.  
32 He will let J. Robinette know how many photos Dennis Watkins will contribute. In the  
33 basement of the old Theurers store are old receipt books that may be interesting to look  
34 at. J. Robinette will contact Jason Christensen, owner of the building. J. Robinette  
35 suggested having the games in the childrens area reflect the heritage of sauerkraut.

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37 **Item 6. Update from the Pioneer Monument committee**

38 D. Astle reported that they had a meeting with a consultant from Brigham City and gave  
39 him an overview of what they are hoping to accomplish with the Old Rock Church. D.  
40 Astle said this group is at a crossroads. They are having a board meeting next Monday to  
41 determine if they want to be a full fledged non-profit corporation or what. The consultant  
42 gave them lots of ideas and things to think about. J. Hicken reported that the plaque is  
43 being prepared that will hang on the Old Rock Church.

1 **Item 7. Other business.**

2 B. Nelson reported that Dennis Giles, Building Inspector, and Brent Speth, Fire  
3 Inspector, were to go through the building that we have considered purchasing to make a  
4 museum, to see what needed to be done to make it accessible to the public. She is still  
5 waiting for their report.  
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7 B. Nelson stated that a person named David Homer had contacted her and said he had  
8 framed pictures of Frederick Theurer and his wife. He wants to donate them to the City to  
9 put in a future museum. He had hoped to do it when they had a family reunion here, but  
10 we were unable to send a representative from the Commission to accept the pictures. He  
11 wondered if he could come to one of our meetings and present the photos. He records  
12 oral histories as an occupation and wondered if we needed any done. B. Nelson told him  
13 that we would have to wait until a grant became available. She did not feel the City had  
14 funds to match another grant this year. We would like to invite him to our meeting in  
15 October. B. Nelson will email J. Robinette a phone number for David Homer.  
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17 K. Seethaler explained that Jared Jackson called representing a company printing books  
18 called Images of America. Each book is on an individual community. Each is 128 pages  
19 in length with 240 images. They bear the cost of publication, and then the City would be  
20 given some to sell. K. Seethaler wondered if we should proceed with something like that.  
21 The Commission was not in favor of pursuing this since the company would have to sell  
22 advertising space to recoup their costs. K. Seethaler will keep the name on file for future  
23 reference.  
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25 H. Kelley made a motion to adjourn. Second by J. Hicken. All in favor  
26 Next meeting on Sept. 21, 2010.  
27 Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.  
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30 Karl Seethaler, Chairman

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Brenda Nelson, Secretary