

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
2 **MEETING MINUTES**

3 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT  
4 February 18, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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6 Attendance: Wes Bitters, Howard Christenson, Sharon Johnson, Pat Perry  
7 Excused/Absent: Gail Trowbridge

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9 **Approval of Minutes:**

10 **Item No. 1.** The HPC will consider for approval the minutes of January 21, 2020.

11 **Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting:** — P Perry, second — S Johnson

12 **Vote:**

13 **Yea: W Bitters, H Christenson, S Johnson, P Perry**

14 **Nay:**

15 **Abstained:**

16 **Excused: G Trowbridge**

17 **Corrections:**

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  - None

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20 **Discussion Item(s):**

21 HPC will discuss the following items:

22 **Item No 1.** Dave Davis will discuss information from the Providence Lions Club.

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  - D Davis did not attend. H Christenson said that D Davis has a role of members of the Lion's Club. This is most of what he has.
  - W Bitters said that the most important thing would be a history of their activities or the projects that they have completed for the City.
  - H Christenson will talk to D Davis again.

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29 **Item No 2.** Update on the history of the Utah Idaho Central Railroad project and a marker at Zollinger Park.

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  - H Christenson passed out an email from Brad Duncan of Utah State University summarizing the status of the railroad project. All the material in the special collections has been digitized. However, there is a delay as he waits for the quality control work to be completed. The project is still on schedule to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission by March 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - H Christenson spoke with Kathleen Alder about putting a marker [about the railroad] at Zollinger Park. She is willing to fund the plaque if the city will fund the pedestal.
  - S Bankhead said that this would probably be within the budget we have for historic preservation.
  - S Bankhead asked if the Commission would like to change their meeting schedule so that it can be after the March 20<sup>th</sup> completion date of the project. The scheduled meeting in March is for the 17<sup>th</sup>. H Christenson said that he will ask B Duncan if he can get it done by the 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - H Christenson asked what the plaque should say.
  - P Perry said that after we see the historical information we are compiling, we will be better able to decide what it should say.

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45 **Item No 3.** Update the history of the water canal/irrigation systems in Providence City

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  - H Christenson reported that Rebecca Andersen of Utah State University was excited about the idea of doing a history of the canal system. She may have someone who could do the project as a thesis.
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- 49 • H Christenson reported that R Anderson would like a statement [describing the project].
- 50 • H Christenson said that we would like to have the same kind of electronic exhibit as we are
- 51 getting for the railroad project. The University will own it, but it will be available to us on their
- 52 server.
- 53 • S Bankhead suggested that H Christenson put a target date for completion of the project on the
- 54 statement that he passed out.
- 55 • W Bitters said that if it is a thesis project, June of 2021 would be a good target date. H
- 56 Christenson agreed.
- 57 • P Perry said that we should not only cover the history of the people who built the original canal
- 58 system but also the history of the people who expanded it later on.
- 59 • S Bankhead said that some water companies went out of business. Some sold their shares to the
- 60 city and those shares went into the culinary system. Some systems have reduced the reach of
- 61 their system over time.
- 62 • P Perry said that she would like the total history of the canals [including expansion and
- 63 contraction].
- 64 • P Perry asked if anyone in Providence can get shares in the companies.
- 65 • Brent Speth said that they can buy shares from someone else if there is anyone who wants to sell
- 66 and if their lot is serviceable.
- 67 • S Bankhead suggested that the report include a small description of what an irrigation system is.
- 68 People from other areas might not understand the basics of the systems that were developed in
- 69 Utah.
- 70 • H Christenson said that instead of being so broad, we should cover a background history of water
- 71 in Cache Valley.
- 72 • The Commission agreed with H Christenson's statement [describing the project] that he passed
- 73 out. H Christenson will send the statement to R Andersen.
- 74 • H Christenson asked if we want to put up a plaque. W Bitters said that we should. We should put
- 75 it near to the spot where we will put the railroad plaque.
- 76 • P Perry asked if there will be a map of the canals.
- 77 • W Bitters said that Spring Creek Irrigation Company has a map.
- 78 • S Bankhead said that Cache County has an online map of canals.
- 79 • H Christenson asked about the Pioneer Irrigation Company.
- 80 • B Speth said that it came from the Logan River and watered the [West] side of Providence.
- 81 • S Bankhead said that there was also a company called Prolog that used to water the [northeast
- 82 side] of Providence.
- 83 • H Christenson said that we should put in our [project description] statement that we want to
- 84 research all of the companies that watered Providence.
- 85 • B Speth explained some of the contents of Doran Baker's history of Spring Creek Water
- 86 Company. He brought a copy with him.

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88 **Item No 4.** Ev Thorpe painting owned by the Astle Family.

- 89 • S Bankhead reported that she left messages for Robert Astle, but she has not heard back from
- 90 him. She will continue to try to get ahold of him.
- 91 • W Bitters said that he thought that there was a meeting a year ago where the painting's future
- 92 was decided [so that the painting would go to the city].
- 93 • S Bankhead said that there was such a meeting, but that Dale Astle passed away before the deal
- 94 could be completed. There were a few things that he wanted to change in the agreement, but
- 95 then he passed away.

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97 **Motion to adjourn:** — W Bitters, second — P Perry

98 **Vote:**

99 **Yea:** W Bitters, H Christenson, S Johnson, P Perry

100 **Nay:**

101 **Abstained:**

102 **Excused:** G Trowbridge

103 Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 PM

104 Minutes prepared by Jesse Bardsley

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Howard Christenson, Chair

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Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder