

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

3 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT
4 June 20, 2019 6:00 PM
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6 Commission was waiting for members from 6:00 to 6:21 PM. Meeting was called to order at
7 6:21 PM by W Bitters, acting chair
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9 **Minutes:**

10 **Item No. 1. Approval of the Minutes:** The HPC will consider approval of the minutes from the
11 May 21, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

12 **Motion to approve the minutes: — P Perry, second — G Trowbridge**

13 **Vote:**

14 **Yea: W Bitters, P Perry, G Trowbridge**

15 **Nay:**

16 **Excused: H Christenson**
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18 **Discussion Items:**

19 **Item No. 1. 2019 Projects:** The HPC will discuss the following projects:

20 Post Office:

- 21 • G Trowbridge asked about who will own the building. W Bitters said that according to
22 the MOU, the city will take full ownership. If it is moved, the city will consult with
23 Leonhardts about where to move it.
- 24 • W Bitters said that the family has one stipulation. They want the building to be moved
25 to the Leonhardt property if it is ever moved from the Old Rock Church.
- 26 • W Bitters said that the family plans to refurbish it and move it to the north side of the
27 original home if the city doesn't proceed with the acquisition.
- 28 • P Perry asked how the family got possession of a US post office.
- 29 • W Bitters said that the post office building was near the pavilion, an old entertainment
30 facility. The post office was an eye-sore. Mr Leonhardt worked for the city, and the city
31 told him to destroy it. He decided to keep it instead.
- 32 • P Perry said that once city funds are expended on something, you can't just give it back.
- 33 • S Bankhead said that this is true. If the private property that the Old Rock Church stands
34 on changes hands, and the new property owner wants to do something else with the
35 property, the city would have to move the post office somewhere. The city would likely
36 move it to a public location after consulting with the family. S Bankhead said that it is a
37 council decision, but she thinks that it is unlikely that the council will agree to move it
38 back to the Leonhardt's property after spending city dollars on it.
- 39 • S Bankhead explained that this situation is different from the situation with the Astle
40 family who loaned us the painting discussed earlier (see commission reports). In that
41 case, the family paid to have the restoration work done. Therefore, the city was fine
42 with borrowing it from them for a time and then returning it to them.
- 43 • W Bitters said that he thinks that the family is considering the sacrifice that their father
44 made to save the post office. If the building has to be moved, they fear that the city will
45 not give it due consideration.
- 46 • S Bankhead said that she will have to research about this issue further to see if there is a
47 chance that the city can accept the offer.

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- P Perry said that she can understand the family’s attachment to the building.
 - W Bitters said that once the building is moved to the Old Rock Church, it could be designated as a historic site. We could then get a grant to restore it. In the meantime, the city could pay to fix the roof, the outside, the windows and the door to safeguard the building.
 - P Perry said that if we do some of the renovation, we would need to do all of it. If we put anything on the building that was not on the 1911 structure, then it will not be designated as a historic building.
 - P Perry clarified that we can fix it up as long as we maintain the historical accuracy by making sure everything we do fits the period the building was from.

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59 **Irrigation:**

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- S Bankhead said that there is a book on the irrigation companies that was written by Doran Baker. We may not need to write another book.
 - W Bitters said that D Baker’s book is not about Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company. We may want to combine what he has written with a history of Blacksmith Fork.
 - S Bankhead said that we may also want to include the Pioneer Irrigation Company and Providence Logan (Prolog) Irrigation company.
 - P Perry asked if there is any funding for this project from the Department of the Interior. S Bankhead said that she will look into it. P Perry said that we may need to limit the amount of projects we are doing due to funding.

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70 **Railroad:**

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- S Bankhead said that we reached out to Utah State University. Angie Abrams is willing to help. We have some money in the budget for the study.
 - W Bitters reported that A Abrams said that we could have graduate students do it, but if we can’t find any, she would do it.
 - S Bankhead said that she will follow up with H Christenson about the status of this project.

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78 **Commission Reports:**

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- G Trowbridge spoke about a painting that we may want to procure. It is a painting of Providence by a local artist. Cathy Parker is taking care of her mother, who owns the painting, and who is having memory loss.
 - S Bankhead said that we could put it in the council chambers. [This is the same painting that we had at the old city office building at 15 S Main Street].

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85 **Motion to close the meeting: — G Trowbridge, second — P Perry**

86 **Vote:**

87 **Yea: W Bitters, P Perry, G Trowbridge**

88 **Nay:**

89 **Excused: H Christenson**

90 Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47 PM

91 Minutes prepared by Jesse Bardsley

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Howard Christenson, Chair

Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder

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