

1 Providence Historic Preservation Commission
2 May 20, 2008
3 6:00 p.m.
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6 THOSE PRESENT: Commissioners: Karl Seethaler, Jay Hicken, Kaye Lyn
7 Harris, Marie Olsen, Alma Leonhardt, Hoyt Kelley
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10 Meeting was called to order by Karl Seethaler.

11 MOTION to approve minutes of April 15, 2008 – A. Leonhardt. SECOND – K. Harris.

12 K. Seethaler asked if there had been any further discussion on appointing a chairman for
13 the sesquicentennial. B. Nelson reported that Sandra Checketts has volunteered to help
14 with the celebration. Also, a group called Providence Moms were contacted and they
15 agreed to help. Last week, Emily Sim, a member of the group, met with B. Nelson, Sheri
16 Ward, and Skarlet Bankhead to discuss the sesquicentennial. E. Sim will meet with the
17 group and see what they can do to help.

18 J. Hicken would like to see a horseback ride up Providence Canyon. Others may want to
19 plan a 4-wheeler ride perhaps to Old Ephriams Grave or the place where a plane crashed
20 in Logan Canyon. Others felt it should be in Providence. A jeep ride is another option.

21 K. Seethaler asked if Darwin Kitchen should contact either S. Checketts or E. Sim. He is
22 interested in getting some Eagle Scout projects in conjunction with this event. J. Hicken
23 suggested asking Don Smellie to be in charge of the whole event. D. Smellie is interested
24 in antique cars, and would be a good one to plan an antique car show.

25 Vote on the minutes: All in favor.
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27 **Item 1. Presentation on design criteria for the historic district.**

28 B. Nelson showed a power point presentation of pictures members of the Planning
29 Commission and Historic Preservation Commission had taken showing things they liked
30 and wanted to see continued in the district as well as things they do not like. Some of the
31 things people liked were: wide, tree-lined streets, grassy swales, homes remodeled to fit
32 in with neighboring homes, clean attractive neighborhoods. Some things people didn't
33 like were: trees that are butchered to make room for power lines, mobile homes, junky
34 homes and yards, asphalt not reaching from curb to curb, extreme designs such as turrets
35 and geodomes. Harry Ames, member of the Planning Commission, did not like the look
36 of the City Office. He felt we need a new building.

37 The next step is for the Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission to
38 meet together. A date has not been set.

39 K. Seethaler mentioned that Dale Astle thinks we need to add something in the ordinance
40 about historic monuments. The Monument Committee is running into problems trying to
41 re-create the Pioneer Monument. There needs to be guidelines and parameters set. K.
42 Seethaler said it has been suggested that the best place for the monument is in a pioneer
43 memorial park. The City is looking at a building a park at 300 North 100 East in the
44 Brookside Village Subdivision. A. Leonhardt remarked that this is a swale behind the
45 homes in the subdivision that could be made into a park. He did not feel that this park
46 would be ready for a few years – not in time for the sesquicentennial. K. Seethaler was

1 concerned that this area is not actually in the historic district. However, it is near where
2 the first settlers camped when they arrived in the area
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4 **Item 2. Report on progress of the pioneer monument.**

5 K. Seethaler reported that Joe Chambers has been working to form a non-profit
6 organization status for the monument so people can donate and count it as a tax write-off.
7 The Committee will meet Thursday at 3:00 at the City Office. They are still trying to
8 determine a location for the monument. There is some concern about the setbacks on the
9 corner where they would like to place the monument. We need the exact dimensions and
10 placement to see if the City will sign off on it.

11 A. Leonhardt explained that Dale Astle is talking with Castalite about getting rock there.
12 Going to the quarry for stone would be too cumbersome. J. Hicken said he assumed the
13 previous monument used rough rock and then plastered around it. A. Leonhardt agreed
14 that it was very rough and didn't hold together very well. J. Hicken worried that the
15 monument would not be an exact replica of the first one. A. Leonhardt said it may not be
16 an exact replica but it would look a lot nicer and last longer. K. Seethaler said he didn't
17 feel anyone would expect the monument to look exactly the same.
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19 **Item 3. Update on the oral history project.**

20 B. Nelson reported that Randy Williams has completed interviews on Jay Hicken, Brenda
21 Nelson and Saboor Sahely. She has transcribed the interviews and they are being
22 reviewed by the interviewees. She is almost finished with her commitment. Lisa
23 Duskin-Goede emailed that she has had a lot of trouble catching Guy Pulsipher. She has
24 two interviews done. Doran Baker is writing his comments and not having an actual
25 interview. She will try to be finished by July.
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27 **Item 4. Update on the interactive website.**

28 B. Nelson reported that Jason Norris, of Westhost, contacted her with an estimate of
29 \$6,000 for the website. This would include building the site and the admin to manage it.
30 B. Nelson was concerned that the cemetery information and burials are not included in
31 this price. She asked J. Norris if the data could be exported from what is now set up. J
32 Norris said no one at his office knew that program. B. Nelson thought we need to find
33 someone to help transfer that information so it doesn't have to be re-entered. The
34 Commission suggested B. Nelson ask around and see if that is a fair price. The grant we
35 have is enough to cover the cost. This estimate does not include any maintenance or
36 support. J. Hicken suggested adding support for a year. He felt we should move ahead.
37 B. Nelson will speak with Skarlet Bankhead and Jason Norris before moving ahead.
38 MOTION by J. Hicken to move forward with this if the estimate is confirmed to be a fair
39 price. SECOND by A. Leonhardt. All in favor.
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41 **Item 5. Discussion on the second installment of the history book.**

42 Bob Parson has completed the second section of the history book. It was given to the
43 Commission members for review. J. Hicken said there were several places where there
44 were extra spaces in the sentences. This may have happened when changing it to a pdf
45 file. J. Hicken said he had sent his corrections to Bob Parson. .
46 J. Hicken asked if the Commission was happy with this section. A. Leonhardt felt that it
47 was good. It's not the same writing style as the last edition, but J. Hicken liked it. H.

1 Kelley wondered if the statement about being “nestled against the Bear River Mountains”
2 is a correct one. J. Hicken is concerned about getting photographs to go with the text and
3 how to place them.

4 The Commission was encouraged to give feedback to Bob Parson about the book.
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6 **Item 6. Report on tour of the Bartschi Blacksmith Shop.**

7 On Saturday, May 17, 2008, five members met at the Blacksmith Shop at approximately
8 249 South 100 West to look through it as the possible site for a museum. B. Nelson took
9 minutes of that tour. MOTION by A. Leonhardt to accept the minutes of that meeting.

10 SECOND by H. Kelley. All in favor.

11 K. Seethaler wondered if the type of non-profit status would be good for this museum
12 project as well as the monument. J. Hicken wondered if we could use one non-profit
13 number to include both projects. A. Leonhardt did not want to hold up the monument to
14 get approval to go after the museum. A. Leonhardt noted that we have talked a long
15 time about creating a museum, and putting it in an old historical building would be
16 perfect. B. Nelson showed the Commission the plat page showing the property. The
17 frontage is only 52.50 feet, which is not enough to sell it as a building lot. J. Hicken will
18 write a letter to Brent Bartschi and tell him of our interest as well as explain what
19 restrictions he would be dealing with on that lot. H. Kelley took a few pictures (included
20 with minutes). Everyone agreed that this would be a great place for a museum.
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22 **Item 7. 2008-09 Budget**

23 B. Nelson explained that the Commission needs to submit a budget request for the City
24 Council to consider for the next fiscal year. She explained that we have received several
25 grants that need to have matching funds. She listed paying the next two installments on
26 the history book as another expense. The printing costs of the book have not been
27 budgeted. Since it is digital, we can print a smaller number of copies and the price of the
28 book should help offset the cost. There is the printing of the previous edition of the
29 history book. It would have to be digitized and then copied. She asked for feedback on
30 any other expenses the Commission could foresee.

31 A. Leonhardt suggested adding \$5,000 to the total of grant matches needed and turn that
32 in as the budget. It would not be good to run short of money for printing costs.
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34 J. Hicken felt we need to have a meeting to discuss the photos needed for the book. A.
35 Leonhardt wondered if we need input from Bob Parson on what pictures he needs. J.
36 Hicken said B. Parson asked for our input on what we would like to see by way of
37 pictures. A. Leonhardt said he had given B. Parson all of his pictures taken during his
38 years in office. J. Hicken still felt we need to check with B. Parson.

39 MOTION to adjourn by A. Leonhardt. SECOND by H. Kelley. All in favor.

40 Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
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Karl Seethaler, Chairman

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Brenda Nelson, Secretary