

Smithfield City Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The Smithfield City Historic Preservation Commission met in the Smithfield Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. The meeting began at 7:30 pm

Commission Members in attendance: Jeff Gittins, Glen Jay Thornley, Juli Weber, Jon Wells, Craig Neilson, Mike Harris.

Excused: Stephen Teuscher

Welcome by Jeff Gittins, Chair, who conducted the meeting.

Prayer by Jon Wells.

An opening thought- "A Moment is time"- Jeff read from a past Herald Journal article which was written by Theoda Downs, at that time an officer in the Smithfield Historical Society. The article was about Roy Kelsey and his service as the sexton of the Smithfield City Cemetery. It noted that Mr. Kelsey walked from his home, at 300 South 100 West, two times per day to care for the cemetery. It is estimated that Roy Kelsey dug over 1000 graves by hand during his time of service.

The minutes of the March 14, 2019 were approved.

Yes Vote: Gittins, Thornley, Weber, Wells, Neilson, Harris

No Vote: none

Discussion on the recommendation from the State History Architect, Steve Cornell, on how to divide and best utilize the grant money between the Mercantile Building and the Tabernacle. The money available from this grant cycle is a \$10,000 CLG grant with \$10,000 matching funds from the City.

The recommendation was to use approx. half of the money to stabilize the Mercantile Building and use the other half to do a study on the strength and stability of the tower of the Historic Tabernacle, in anticipation of a replicated, light-weighted steeple. The state will allow us to adjust the amount on each building project as the actual costs come in.

A vote was taken to accept Steve Cornell's recommendation.

Yes Vote: Gittins, Thornley, Weber, Wells, Neilson, Harris

No Vote: none

Review of Historic Preservation Donations- Dorothy Griffith- \$2000.00,
Barbara Gutke-\$3000.00, Kerry Watts- \$7000.00.

It was noted that there were other potential donors considering making individual contributions as things progress. ***There is now a dedicated fund set up strictly for the purpose of receiving donations to history and heritage preservation that can be carried over from year to year.***

Also discussed, were future possible grants: such as the CLG, the Rocky Mountain Power grant, and a RAPZ tax grant. It was noted that the Museum would qualify for RAPZ monies. Craig reminded everyone that the “A” stands for ”Arts”.

A vote to adjourn the meeting.

Yes Vote: Gittins, Thornley, Weber, Wells, Neilson, Harris

No Vote: none

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.