

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-0035

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION AND CITY STAFF TO PROMULGATE A HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY, PRESERVE, AND PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL REGARDING THE COMMUNITY HISTORY OF THE CITY OF OREM

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission by ordinance (Article 2-19); and

WHEREAS, the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission has specific duties and responsibilities, including:

- Inventorying historic and archeological sites within the community
- Working towards the continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation and community history
- Ascertaining procedures and eligibility requirements to be included in the National Register of Historic Places

WHEREAS, in 1995 the City Council approved a conceptual design for historic markers for the City of Orem; and

WHEREAS, the historical marker was designed by A. Dale Brown, a then member of the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission, and local designer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously directed the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission to place markers at historically significant sites in the City of Orem; and

WHEREAS, the City, in recent years, celebrated its 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that “Orem’s history is a story of its people through community gathering, farming, faith, business, and education” (City of Orem: A Centennial Benchmark, by Charlene Winters p. 9); and

WHEREAS, this history includes various business, civic, and educational partners, which include, among others:

- The Sharon Cooperative Educational Recreational Association (SCERA), which was founded in 1933, during the nationwide Great Depression; and now the City’s partnership is 90 years old (*Id.*);
- While Utah Valley University began as a small trade school, the University has grown with the City and provides residents with various opportunities;

WHEREAS, the City of Orem has a diverse and interesting history to celebrate and preserve; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the efforts of the Orem Heritage Museum at SCERA, which is sponsored in part by the Orem C.A.R.E. tax, which provides free admission and houses “an impressive 2,000-piece collection that tells the unique history of the city of Orem through artifacts”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council amended portions of Article 22-9 of the Orem City Code to create the Public Facilities (PF) zone; and

WHEREAS, the PF zone was created to ensure that properties that have historically been used for public facilities and have been paid for by Orem taxpayers would continue to be used for and/or preserved to meet the need for such public facilities in the future;

WHEREAS, the City Council included all properties owned by the City of Orem into the PF zone; and

WHEREAS, the PF zone includes City parcels on 1600 North, the SCERA Park, and the Heritage Park Tank site; and

WHEREAS, the City's designs for the Heritage Park Tank site include a walking path and the placement of a restored 1880s-era homestead cabin; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to building a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument and plaza to honor and celebrate the legacy of our country and our community's heroes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is in the best interest of the community to provide residents places to reflect, honor, and contemplate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREM, UTAH, as follows:

1. The Orem City Council directs City staff to work towards the planning and development of a Women and Children's monument, to be located at an appropriate place that is conducive to reflection and meditation.
2. The Orem City Council directs City staff to continue efforts to preserve the unique nature of land within the PF zone, including land located 1600 North.
3. Specifically, the Council requests that staff develop plans for a landscaped park/open space on the City owned parcel at approximately 1600 North and 411 West, to incorporate a historical marker, and eventual building of a well house, and that the well house be designed with aesthetics, elevations, or treatments to reflect the history of the parcel.
4. The Orem City Council reaffirms that it is in the best interest of the community to protect and preserve the City's historic and archaeological resources.


5. The Orem City Council hereby directs the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission to develop criteria for the designation and placement of historical markers within the City of Orem.

This criterion should include, among others, the following considerations:

- a. Location within the boundaries of the city;
 - b. Age
 - c. Historic integrity (direct association with events of historic significance in Orem, close association with the lives of person who were of historic importance; etc.)
6. The Orem City Council requests the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission develop a process for the recommendation and approval of the placement of historical markers.
7. The Orem City Council requests that the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission prepare a report of all existing historical markers, their location, and a summary of the site's historical significance.
8. Further, the Orem City Council requests City staff, in coordination with the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission, to explore and develop potential options for the inclusion of historical markers and education material in the Heritage Park Tank site.
9. Last, the City Council directs the Historical Preservation Advisory Commission and City staff to consult with a professional firm to prepare a refreshed design of historical markers, to be incorporated at Heritage Park and through the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of **December 2023**.





David A. Young, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
David A. Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Lambson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debby Lauret	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Macdonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LaNae Millett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terry Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Spencer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

