PROVIDENCE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT
August 20, 2019 6:00 p.m.

The Providence City Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will begin discussing the following agenda items at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Approval of Minutes:
Item No. 1. The HPC will consider for approval the minutes of June 20, 2019.
Item No. 2. The HPC will consider for approval the minutes of July 17, 2019

Discussion Items:
HPC will discuss the following items:
Item No. 1. Restoration and relocation of a 1911 post office building
Item No 2. A history of the water canal systems in Providence City
Item No 3. Ev Thorpe painting owned by the Astle Family.

Agenda posted August 19, 2019

Skarlet Bankhead

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PROVIDENCE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT
June 20, 2019 6:00 PM

Commission was waiting for members from 6:00 to 6:21 PM. Meeting was called to order at 6:21 PM by W Bitters, acting chair

Minutes:

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

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

Vote:

Yea: W Bitters, P Perry, G Trowbridge

Nay:

Excused: H Christenson

Discussion Items:

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

Post Office:

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

- 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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Irrigation:

- 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.

Railroad:

- 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.

Commission Reports:

- 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].

Motion to close the meeting: — G Trowbridge, second — P Perry
Vote:
Yea: W Bitters, P Perry, G Trowbridge
Nay:
Excused: H Christenson
Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47 PM
Minutes prepared by Jesse Bardsley

Howard Christenson, Chair

Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder

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PROVIDENCE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Providence City Office Building
164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT
July 17, 2019 1:00 p.m.

Member Attendance: P Perry, H Christenson, G Trowbridge
Other Attendance: Rebecca Andersen, Utah State University professor

Discussion Items:

Item No. 1.

The Historic Preservation Commission will have discussion with Rebecca Andersen regarding the history for a portion of the Utah-Idaho Central Railway that was located in Providence City.

- H Christenson said that we should start the process for making the railroad history. Rebecca Andersen, a history professor at Utah State University, has offered to either find a student to do the project or to do it herself.
- H Christenson passed out a sheet that lists important questions to consider about the railroad.
- P Perry said that we should consider the aspects of the railroad that impacted people's lives. For example, she has heard that in the winter time, people used to use it to commute to Logan because the roads were not good. Why was the railroad discontinued?
- G Trowbridge said that in the winter, it was how kids got to school and how people got to town. People put their cars in the garage in the winter because the roads were so bad.
- H Christenson said that the railway went from Hyrum to Preston.
- P Perry said that the Wells Fargo building in Smithfield used to be a railroad office.
- R Anderson asked if this railroad was a part of the Utah Idaho Central railroad, or if it was just a commuter railroad.
- H Christenson said that the railroad connected to the main line which went all the way to Salt Lake. S Bankhead said that the freight railroad was further west. We are probably more interested in the commuter aspect than the freight aspect.
- P Perry said that trends after World War II led to a focus on automobiles and away from public transit.
- R Andersen said that the railway in Kaysville was also discontinued due to similar trends.
- P Perry asked about the price of the commuter railway.
- H Christenson said that the train rain along 200 West in Providence, and the train depot was near Zollinger Park at the end of center street.
- R Andersen said that we would want to know where the stops were, etc.
- R Andersen said that the first step would be to find the Herald Journal article that spoke about the history of the railroad.
- H Christenson said that there is also some information in the book "Providence and Her People."
- R Andersen asked what length of report the council is looking for. Are they looking for about 30-35 pages?
- P Perry said that those doing the report should simply do their best.

- G Trowbridge asked about the special collections at Utah State University.
- R Andersen said that she has access to them. There might be some information there, but it might be focused on the freight lines.
- P Perry brought up the canal system. She said that the US Department of the Interior is interested in preserving the history of the canals because they were essential to settlement in the intermountain west.
- P Perry said that we already have a history of Spring Creek Water Company, but we don't have a history of the Blacksmith Fork irrigation water.
- S Bankhead said that we would focus on Millville and Providence Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company. There are other companies that take water out of the Blacksmith Fork River.
- H Christenson said that he thinks we can get a grant for writing a history of the canal system.
- R Andersen said that her classes sometimes do walking history tours. They could do something in Providence in the future.
- P Perry said that if we could find an artifact of the railroad, we could get funding for it as well.
- H Christenson asked if there will be money available from the city to pay someone for doing the railroad history.
- S Bankhead said that if R Andersen writes a proposal, we can look at our budget. We have some money there.
- R Andersen said that if she does it herself, she will count it as her service commitment to the university. If we find a student who is interested, however, they would appreciate some pay. It could turn into an internship for them.
- P Perry suggested that the old tithing house would be a good place for a museum. It is important for kids to know their roots.
- S Bankhead said that a museum has been suggested in the past, but we haven't had councils that were willing to support a museum.
- P Perry asked if there would be photos of the old railroad in newspaper archives. She would be willing to make a presentation in classrooms about it.
- H Christenson said that he has some pictures he can send.
- R Anderson said that Providence's railroad exemplifies the pattern of community railroads that sprang up across Utah.
- R Andersen left the meeting.
- P Perry asked about the post office project.
- H Christenson said that the owners of the post office will let us have it, but there is disagreement about what will happen if it ever gets moved from the Old Rock Church.
- P Perry said that once we put money into it, we can't move it back to their property like they are requesting. Eventually the elements are going to take the building, and we are offering to save it for posterity.
- H Christenson said that S Bankhead said she will talk to the city attorney to see if it is legal for us to accept an agreement where we could potentially have to give it back to the Leonhardt family after spending public funds on it. If it is legal, we can make the agreement the family wants so that we can get the building. It is unlikely that it will ever need to be moved off of the Old Rock Church property.
- G Trowbridge said that the area around the Old Rock Church is a historical site. There shouldn't be an issue with keeping the post office there long term.

- H Christenson said that if it sits where it is, it will fall apart. G Trowbridge said that if it stays where it is, no one will even know about it or its significance. She said that we should not give up on this.
- P Perry brought up the [Ev Thorpe] painting discussed in previous meetings. G Trowbridge said that someone with authority should talk to [the Astle family] about it.
- H Christenson said that there were similar problems with the family that owns the painting as with the family that owns the post office. They didn't like the language in the agreement.
- G Trowbridge said that the owner of the painting is having memory issues. We should talk to her daughter.
- P Perry said that we should act on acquiring the painting. There is a generation of people that were collectors of these historical items, and now they are passing on. If we don't act, their items will pass on with them.

Motion to adjourn: — P Perry, second — G Trowbridge
Yea: C Christenson, P Perry, G Trowbridge
Nay:
Abstained:
Excused:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 PM
Minutes prepared by Jesse Bardsley

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Howard Christenson, Chair Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall serve as the parties' understanding relating to the care, maintenance, landscaping, relocation and other issues as they relate to the 1911 Post Office Building (Building) donated to Providence City (City) by the Cravalho Family; and housed for public display on property owned by Pioneer Builders Company INC (Property Owner) and located at 10 North Main, Providence UT.

Restoration and Relocation:

1. The City will relocate the Building from its current location on property at 12 North 300 East, Providence UT to the property located at 10 North Main, Providence UT. The City will work with the Property Owner to determine the best location on the property to publicly display the Building.
2. The City will use its best efforts to restore the Building's appearance to that which is consistent with the 1911 Post Office. The City will restore any damaged landscaping on the 10 North Main property due to the restoration and relocation of the Building. A plaque, or some other reasonable form of notification, will be placed on or near the Building recognizing the donation from the Cravahlo Family.
3. Property Owner will notify the City of any changes to the property that may affect the Building or the public's ability to view the Building.
4. The City, exercising reasonable discretion, may choose to remove and/or relocate the Building at any time without notice to any individual or organization, except the City will give Property Owner 14 days notice. The City will consult with the Carvalho Family to determine an appropriate site for the relocation.
5. The City is not obligated to seek authorization, approval or input regarding the removal or relocation of the Building.
6. The City will be financially responsible for the restoration and relocation of the Building.

Maintenance, Care, and Landscaping:

1. The City, working with the Property Owner, will determine among other things, what plants, flowers, trees, etc. will be used to landscape the area immediately adjacent to the Building. The Property Owner is responsible for routine landscaping maintenance surrounding the Building.
2. The City will maintain and care for the Building as it deems appropriate. The City, in its sole discretion, will determine the appropriate amount of City resources and employee time to be utilized for maintenance and care of the Building. The City will use its best efforts to maintain and care for the Building within the City's budgetary constraints, but is under no obligation to maintain or care for the Building in any specific manner.

Vandalism, Damages, and Repair:

1. In the event the Building is damaged, vandalized, or destroyed, the City, in its sole discretion, will determine whether the Building should be repaired or replaced. The City, in its discretion, will also determine the manner in which the Building is repaired or replaced, the financial resources to be utilized in repairing/replacing the Building, and the time frame for which such repair/replacement transpires. This paragraph in no way obligates the City to repair or replace the Building if the Building is damaged, vandalized or destroyed.

Signatures to follow on the next page.

PROVIDENCE CITY

Attest:

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John Drew, Mayor Date

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Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder

CRAVAHLO FAMILY

By _____

Date

Printed Name: _____

PIONEER BUILDERS COMPANY INC

By _____

Date

Printed Name: _____

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