

Tropic Town Public Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Public Meeting
Held November 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Lisa Johnson, Gene Anderson, Marie Pollock and Michael Ahlstrom. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Elaina - Purcell Treasurer

OTHERS: Dennis Pollock, Lance Syrett, Jean Seiler, Jennifer Taylor and Ron Harris

WELCOME: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

Mayor Brinkerhoff welcomed all those in attendance to discuss the future of the Tropic Town Scout House.

History

Built in 1936, the Scout House serves as a historical landmark and an icon to the community. It was used as the LDS Seminary and for many years held Town Council meetings; a meeting place for the Lion's Club, Daughters of the Utah Pioneer organization and a host of other family and community gatherings. Over the years, a fireplace, a kitchen and restrooms were added; which has shown to have had many benefits, but also has impacted its structure and foundation.

Comments:

Those in attendance were all in favor of preserving and restoring the structure. A number of obstacles to address are:

*Funding

- A \$25,000 grant has been received towards is preservation
- Community fundraisers, Financial/Construction Skill donations

While serving previously on the Town Council, Dennis Pollock spoke with the Utah Historical Society on what funding was available to restore it historically. When the Town replaced the original windows, due to breakage, and with fireplace and kitchen additions, it could not be listed or qualify for funding. This led to a discussion on restoring it back to its original state, which would call for the removal of the additions; noting these services are currently being met with the use of the bowery and kitchen facility. Dennis will again follow up with the Utah Historical Society.

*Construction Work

- Kelly Shakespear has shown interest and has the knowledge and skills to oversee the project.
- Repair sprinkling system

*Use after restoration

A number of ideas were expressed to its use & purpose after restoration ~ public facility providing an alternative place to hold public functions, social events, etc. on a smaller scale.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to adjourn the public meeting discussing the scout house preservation. Second by Marie Pollock. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting "aye". Mayor abstained.

Approved this 14th day of January 2021
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk