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**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 AT 1:00 PM**

**THE MEETING CONVENED IN THE PIONEER CEMETERY PARKING LOT
AT THE CORNER OF PARADISE LANE AND WINDERLAND LANE, SPRINGDALE, UT 84767**

Meeting convened at 1:12 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jean Krause, Commissioners Rich Levin, Robert (Bob) Carlton, and Claudia Mitchell

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Principal Planner Niall Connolly, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. Please see attached list of attendees.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Bob Carlton to approve the agenda; Seconded by Rich Levin.

Krause: Aye

Levin: Aye

Mitchell: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

General Announcements: Ms. Carlson said the Town had become aware of vandalism in the Pioneer Cemetery. A few of the headstones were marked with a type of pink paint. The Springdale Police Department was leading the investigation.

A. Information/Discussion/Non-Action Items

1) Review of the Pioneer Cemetery Conditions Documentation Project and discussion of next

steps: As background, it was explained the Historic Preservation Commission had learned how to conduct a cemetery survey from Amy Barry, Utah Cemeteries Program Manager. Ms. Barry provided on-ground training in 2020 to familiarize the Commission with the terminology and forms needed to document the cemetery conditions.

Ms. Krause had conducted the lion's share of this work. She shared a map of the cemetery along with a sample form that documented the pertinent elements of a gravesite. Every gravesite record included photographs from each direction. Upon survey, it was noted that gravesite 31 and 33 could not be effectively documented due to excessive vegetation that prevented analysis of the areas.

Commissioners considered the current condition of the cemetery and what should be done next related to its preservation. The cemetery had not been maintained for several years. A few ideas were considered including getting help from community volunteers, planning a controlled burn, or utilizing goats to mitigate the weeds. Some of the more problematic cactus plants should be removed from gravesite areas.

The group discussed the need for an improved trail to better indicate where people should walk. Temporary gravesite markers should be replaced with permanent ones. A map with a QR code could be installed to provide up-to-date information for visitors. Rather than create a manicured area, the Commission favored keeping the Pioneer Cemetery 'wild'.

The Commission considered putting the Pioneer Cemetery as a destination on a future walking tour. It was acknowledged that opening access changed the complexity of the site and how the public interacted with it. In general, the Commission was hesitant to promote the cemetery in this way.

2. Updates and discussion on Commission projects:

- a) Bishop's Granary – Ms. Carlson said a Zoom call was scheduled for November 3rd with the architectural design firm ASSIST and Commissioner Carlton to discuss ideas and concepts for developing an interpretive site at the granary. Structural and landscape improvements would be addressed. A preliminary plan would be brought back to the Commission for consideration.
- b) Student Internship – Mr. Levin provided information on his contact with Professor Libero at Utah Tech regarding the student internship opportunity (Attachment 1). At this point, Mr. Levin was waiting on a response. The intern would assist the Commission in amplifying the mission of the HPC and support various projects.
- c) Springdale Walking Tour – Ms. Mitchell was heading up this initiative. She said using a mobile app would help. Ms. Carlson mentioned Preservation Utah, formerly Utah Heritage Foundation, had created a mobile app that contained several walking tours throughout Utah. This could be an excellent resource. Commissioners recalled a historic walking tour developed several years ago for Virgin, Rockville, and Springdale. Staff would try and locate the research and narrative for the Springdale portion of the walking tour as a reference.
- d) Interpretive Site at the Irrigation Ditch (across from the post office) – Ms. Carlson indicated that Streets Superintendent Robert George was working with vendors to secure bids on the rock work necessary to complete this project. As soon as quotes were available, they would be shared with the Council for approval to develop the interpretive site.

Commissioners commented that the stamped concrete sidewalk treatment used to indicate the location of the old irrigation ditches was ineffective. Secondly it was suggested that creating something else to represent water in the irrigation ditches by MeMe's Café could be more explicative and helpful for the public to understand.

Ms. Krause suggested scheduling the next Commission meeting sometime in January 2023.

B. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:17 pm made by Jean Krause. Seconded by Rich Levin.

Corr: Aye

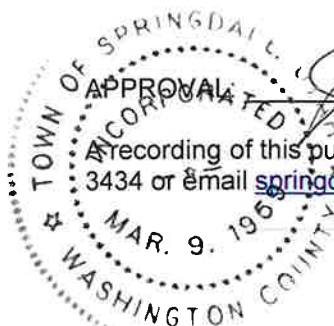
Levin: Aye

Krause: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.


Darci Carlson, Town Clerk



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