

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CITY HALL ON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013, AT 6:15P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Shimizu, Gayle Conger, Jerri Harwell, Bev Lund, John Glauser,
Carol Woodside, Sylvia Orton, Don Antczak

OTHERS PRESENT: City Councilman Mike Peterson, Jim Peters

Our Chairman, Tom Shimizu opened the meeting at 6:15 P.M. He immediately turned the time over to the City Sites, Buildings & Artifacts Committee. John Glauser and Gayle Conger brought the committee up to date on the progress of the markers for the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail. Ms. Conger passed the members a copy of the proposed "Welcome" signs to be placed at each end of the trail. The committee discussed the wording and after making several changes gave their approval. Ms. Conger was asked to relay the changes to Jim Peters.

The committee then heard from Jim Peters. He said that he had gone to the trail and had participated in drilling the holes for the post which will hold the markers. The holes for the two "Welcome" signs were also drilled. Placement of the posts and markers should be completed by the middle part of next week.

City Councilman, Mike Peterson, asked the committee when they would like the ribbon cutting. The committee decided that they preferred to wait until the two "Welcome" signs were in place. Mr. Peters indicated that all work should be completed sometime during the first part of November. The committee decided to hold the ribbon cutting at that time. The ribbon cutting will replace the monthly meeting that month. Ms. Conger was asked to follow up on the date and will work with Councilman Peterson in getting the approval from the City Council.

Carol Woodside was introduced to the committee. The City Council approved her appointment to our committee at their meeting on September 10, 2013. Ms. Woodside has been attending the meetings and assisting in collecting the history of the area for several months. She gave the committee the latest copy of her time line and asked them to read it over and inform her as to any corrections or additions that might be necessary.

Sylvia Orton reported that she has made arrangements with Stephanie Archibald to add a new item to the "Journal." We have several class photos from Butler and Union School that need all or some of the students identified. We will ask for the readers help. John Glauser asked if this as well as the "Historic Question & Answer" should be in the new Wasatch View paper. Ms. Orton will check with Ms. Archibald regarding this matter as everything needs to go through the City first.

Councilman Peterson reported that he is pleased to be associated with our committee and is proud of our accomplishments. He also mentioned that it is our committee's plan to work with the City in placing street signs throughout the City denoting the historic names of streets and areas.

Don Antczak reported on his progress of the area east of Union and south of Ft. Union. He has identified families living in that area prior to the 1940's. Mr. Shimizu asked Ms. Woodside to assist both he and Mr. Antczak in collecting historic information on their assigned areas.

Jerri Harwell reported on her progress in collecting the historic information for the Union area of the City. She is in contact with a person who has some old class photos. She is also making connections with a lady related to the Godfrey family who settled the northeast corner of 1300 East and 70th South.

Mr. Shimizu brought up the question regarding the dates and routes associated with the hauling of the granite blocks from both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon. This is an item that the committee has tried to find an answer to for many years. He will make contact with the Church's Historical Department and see if he can get an answer.

Ms. Woodside has a VHS tape from the 1997 dedication of the Butler School bell which was placed at the site of the original school on Butler Hill. She is having it converted to DVD.

Councilman Peterson has located the CDs turned into the City by Karen Larrabee. He gave them to Sylvia Orton and asked her to review them. They contain three of the oral histories collected by Ms. Larrabee. The three CDs are of Charles Stubbs, Keith Winn, and W. Harold Boyce. Mr. Shimizu will contact Ms. Larrabee and see what the status is for the rest of the oral histories she collected.

Mr. Antczak had a copy of the Oral History Grant Proposal dated March 12, 2008. He also had a copy of the original grant list containing the names of the thirty individuals that were to be interviewed and digitally recorded. Those recordings were then to be transcribed by those conducting the interviews, or other experienced transcribers. Ms. Orton will make copies of those papers.

Ms. Orton asked Bev Lund to find some information of the original settlers along Little Cottonwood Creek. This would include the Proctors, the Van Valkenburgs, and the Forbushs. There may also be a few other families that were in the "Creek" area prior to 1940. Ms. Lund agreed to find that information which will be added to the history she has already turned in.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M. Next meeting will be October 9, 2013, at 6:15 P.M.