

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMITTEE HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2011 AT  
6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL BOARDROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Cromar, Chairman, Tom Shimizu, Karen Larrabee, Jerri Harwell,  
Beverly Lund, John Glauser, Gayle Conger, Marianna Di Paola,  
Pat Menlove

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sylvia Orton

OTHERS PRESENT: Tee Tyler, City Councilman

Chairman Cromar opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. He presented the committee with a set agenda that will be followed at all future meetings. Council Tyler will report to the committee, followed by a report from each committee member on their activities during the previous month, new assignments will be discussed, ending with special items.

Councilman Tyler reported on a recent public hearing regarding the proposed use of the Canyon Racquet Club property. A proposed plan includes a hotel, two office buildings, retail space, parking areas and a small amphitheater.

The Councilman thanked the committee members for their hard work and contribution to the City. He realizes the importance of discovering our roots. In line with this he reported that at a recent City Council meeting space for a City archive (a mini museum) was allocated. The space is just across the hall from the boardroom where we hold our meetings. Plans are for the gathering, storing and future displaying of historical items.

Councilman Tyler advised the committee that we have \$1,638.00 in the budget which needs to be allocated before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Cromar and John Glauser will work together with the Councilman to figure out how much will be needed to prepare the new archive area for our use as well as other items needed.

Butlerville Days will be greatly affected by the construction at the middle school and Cottonwood Heights Elementary. We were asked to begin plans for our booth. Mr. Glauser will attend a meeting of that committee tomorrow night and will report back to us at our next meeting.

Karen Larrabee reported that she is trying to get more information on Molly Green and is in contact with Jean Boyce who may be able to find some information. She also is planning to meet with Buck and Fred Buxton. She has many artifacts and material pertaining to the Union area.

Jeri reported that she will be in town this year for Butlerville Days and is willing to help. She would like some more information on archiving.

Pat Menlove has contacted the St. Thomas More Parish and is hoping to talk to Father Dave. She has requested information on past Fathers and also photos.

Marianna Di Paola is collecting information on consent forms to be used in the collecting of oral histories. She has also been asked to be the committee's expert on archiving.

Tom Shimizu presented a report to the City Council regarding the progress of the Historical Committee. A copy of his report was given to committee members.

Beverly Lund is in the process of contacting Dave Jessop. She would like to work on a committee to put together a booklet on Cottonwood Heights.

Gayle Conger has continued to work on the McGhie family. She was able to contact a family member who provided her with a copy of a family photo. He has others we might be interested in and also provided her with the name and telephone number for another extended family member who would have additional information.

John Glauser has been collecting booklets and photos on the Big Cottonwood Canyon area and much of it pertains to the Butlerville community. He is following up on several leads for additional information and photos.

Chairman Cromar gave the committee a rundown of the information he has been able to collect thanks to the efforts of Gayle Conger on the McGhie line. He was able to interview several members of the William Wooten Butler family. One of the McGhie daughters married into the Butler line. He is now looking into the Staker and Blair families as they also are connected to the McGhies.

Mr. Cromar is also working with the Erekson family. They moved to the Bulterville area from Murray in the 1940s.

As a member of the Canyons School District Board of Education he is documenting the history of Butler Elementary and Butler Middle School. The class photos from the 1940s and 1950s have been stolen from the elementary school.

Mr. Cromar announced that he has asked John Glauser to be the new vice-chair of the committee. He thanked Tom Shimizu for his years of service in that position.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. In the past meetings have been one hour but with the progress we are making we will now increase the time by one half an hour.

The following oral history assignments were made. Marianna Di Paola will contact Don Antczak. We need his history as the founder of the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center, one as the first City Councilman for District 3, and one his personal history.

John Glauser will collect the oral history of our first City Mayor, Kelvyn Cullimore.

Karen Larrabee and Beverly Lund will follow up by contacting Louise Bluhm for information on her husband, Harry Bluhm. They will collect the oral histories of Vere McHenry, Elaine Erekson Woodruff and the Erekson Fur Farm.

John Glauser was asked to write the grant for ZAP tax money, Zoo and Parks Grant. Instructions for filling out the grant will be given at a class to be held at the Salt Lake County Government Complex.

The meeting ended at 7:30 P.M.