

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE HELD JANUARY 12, 2011
AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL BOARDROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Cromar, Chairman, Gayle Conger, Karen Larrabee, Jerri Harwell,
John Glauser, Patricia Menlove, Marianna Di Paola

OTHERS PRESENT: Tee Tyler, City Councilman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sylvia Orton, Tom Shimizu, Beverly Lund

Meeting opened at 6:00 P.M.

Tee Tyler, City Councilman, addressed the committee. He welcomed the new members and thanked the present members for their service. He explained that on December 28, 2010 the City Council not only approved the three new members of our committee, but also expanded the number of members to twelve. The term of Kevin Cromar has been extended and he was reappointed as chairman. All members of the committee will serve a three year term. Terms will be staggered. Copies of the new ordinance were handed out.

The City Council feels that our committee has a lot of value to the City. As we identify our past, we can identify our future. In line with this the City would like to begin an exhibit of some of our material that we have collected. The City will have two empty rooms and will provide secure storage for collection of photos and oral histories.

Kevin Cromar will collect more information on the storage of our historical collection so that the necessary cost can be added into our budget.

After introductions by our new committee members, John Glauser, Patricia Menlove, and Marianna Di Paola, existing members were asked to tell a little about themselves. It is evident that all members of the committee share the same love of history.

Patricia Menlove asked to be excused from the meeting for family reasons. Mr. Cromar asked her to start collecting information on the history of St. Thomas More Parish because of her living next to the church, she accepted. Marianna Di Paola volunteered to assist in this project.

Mr. Cromar shared with the committee the approved Butler Middle School site plans with a proposed possible new elementary school to be built east of the new middle school, if the Board decides to do so. The new middle school will be built west of the existing middle school. Cottonwood Heights Elementary will house the Albion Middle School students for the 2011-2012 school year during the \$13.6 million upgrade to their school. Cottonwood Heights Elementary will then be immediately demolished for an additional three acres of new green space for the community. Eight tennis courts will be built on the property west of Cottonwood Heights Elementary. Building of the new Butler Middle School will begin this June.

A discussion was held regarding "Butlerville Days" which will be held on Monday, July 25, 2011. Councilman Tyler asked the committee to begin thinking of our display for this event. Mr. Cromar asked for a volunteer from our group to sit on the City's "Butlerville Days" committee.

Our focus this year is on the scanning of photos. Mr. Cromar would like to concentrate on one family a month and work on finding who in that family has the photos. Once contact is made, a member of the committee could be assigned to go out and scan the photos. There are only a finite number of names. The two families this month are the Coverts and the McGhies.

Gayle Conger reported that she had information on the McGhie family. Copies of her information will be made and handed out to the committee members. William and Mary McGhie were Scottish and had twelve children and through marriage connected with many of the original area families, including: Green, Covert, Butler, Blair, Colebrook, and Staker.

Mr. Cromar will work with Linda Dunlavy on an updated roster of the committee.

Next meeting will be February 9th at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.