

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHT CITY HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING ROOM ON APRIL 11, 2012, AT 6:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Shimizu, Chairman, Gayle Conger, John Glauser, Beverly Lund, Jerry Christensen, Max Evans, Sylvia Orton, Dean Smart, Don Antczak, Pat Menlove,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jerri Harwell, Mike Peterson, City Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Dunlavy, Ann Eatchel

Tom Shimizu opened the meeting at 6:15 P.M. by welcoming the three new members of our committee, Max Evans, Jerry Christensen, and Don Antczak. He then asked everyone to do a self-introduction stating our names and where we live, followed by the three new members giving a brief resume of their backgrounds. Each has tremendous skills and experience that can be put to good use on our committee. They each received a copy of the City Ordinance so that they could see what the purpose and requirements are for our committee and a time will be set up to bring them up to date on our progress in collecting the area history.

Linda Dunlavy, Administrative Services Director for the City attended our meeting in place of Mike Peterson who is out of town attending business meetings for the City.

Mr. Shimizu explained that we are in the process of updating our roster and asked Sylvia Orton to pass out the present roster and indicate the additional information needed from the new members. Ms. Orton explained the needed information and also explained that tee shirt sizes are needed from each member of the committee and asked that everyone add their size to the list. The tee shirts are to be worn by our committee at the annual Butlerville Days booth display on July 24, 2012.

As members of this committee we are performing a service to the members of our community and since we are all volunteers we need to make sure we have good relationships with each other as well as with the members of this community. Our chairman suggested we have another get together much as we did last summer at Dean Smart's home. Mr. Smart volunteered his home again if we wanted to meet there.

John Glauser reported that his committee has been busy collecting information and putting together a budget for the trail markers that were discussed last month. The cost is approximately \$6,000.00, covering 15 markers. Because the City will be covering the cost, that budget information was passed to Linda Dunlavy. He indicated that we will need technical writing on the plaques. He thought that perhaps Max Evans along with Gayle Conger could assist with that project. Mr. Antczak indicated that the trail is completed up to McGhie Springs. The City is going to tunnel under Wasatch Boulevard and for now the trail will end at the parking lot just east of Wasatch. Mr. Glauser hopes to complete our portion of the project in the next few months. Because City funds are being used that may not happen that fast.

The new members were informed about our "Historical Question & Answer" that appears in the "Journal" each month. Ms. Orton, who heads this project, has assigned each member a month in which they are to turn in a question and the answer for publication. At the present time, assignments have been made through September. She will contact the new members regarding the month for which they

will be responsible. She passed each a copy of the latest "Journal" so that they could get an idea of what is entailed.

Mr. Antczak was interested in the question from last month regarding the stop sign on Fort Union and 2300 East. He suggested a follow up on that question. He has information on the reason a red light was later installed at the same location. Ms. Orton assigned him the question and answer for November with a deadline in October. She will email him the dates.

The question was asked if all of the questions and answers have been collected. Ms. Orton responded that she has collected copies from each of the "Journals" and for those she did not have, Linda Dunlavy provided her with the website so she could complete the collection. She also indicated that she had emailed everyone the website so that they could look up the information as it was too time consuming to retype them all. Ms. Conger indicated that it was very easy to look up the information once you assess the website. She indicated that all you need to do was to go into the City's website, and once you assess the right file it lists the questions and answers and that it is very easy to read. Ms. Dunlavy volunteered to have the information "cut and pasted" so that it could be given to us. We owe the City a big "thank-you" for going to all that trouble for our committee.

Our committee has been doing the "Q & A's" since March of 2010. Mr. Shimizu said that Jerri Harwell was the person who came up with the idea.

Ms. Conger also said that when she went into the City's website to check on the questions and answers, she noticed that the information for our committee is not up to date. Ms Orton will send Ms. Dunlavy the new roster as soon as she gets home and types in the latest information. Ms. Dunlavy will then update the website.

Mr. Shimizu asked Ms. Dunlavy if she would like to address the committee. She said that she would update the website with our current information as soon as she receives it and that she would also make sure that all of the "Q & A's" were compiled and sent to us.

Mr. Shimizu wondered if there was a list of the markers already in the City and also of those recommended for the trail. Mr. Glauser said that he would get that information to Mr. Shimizu. However, Mr. Antczak said that that information was included in the minutes from last month's meeting. After looking through the minutes that was found to be right, it is in the minutes from the March meeting. Mr. Glauser thought that a copy of Ms. Conger's list should be given to the new members. Ms. Orton passed a copy of the minutes from March to Mr. Christensen. Mr. Antczak and Mr. Evans already had taken theirs off the computer and did not need another one. Ms. Lund asked for a copy of the March minutes and Ms. Orton gave her one.

Mr. Shimizu is preparing the new budget which is for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. Five hundred is allocated for Butlerville Days. This covers the cost of photos, displays such as the large Butler Brothers and the McGhie family cutouts. Ms. Conger wondered if we wanted to add the names of the members of the McGhie family to the cutout. Last year we had talked about it but couldn't decide on the method to use. Mr. Shimizu gave Ms. Orton the assignment of looking into the matter this year.

Dean Smart gave the committee material that he collected from Karen Forbush Larrabee regarding the Union Cemetery. The information could be used for either the research on Creek Road or the Fort

Union area. Ms. Orton collected the packet and will hold onto it until it is needed. Several members wanted copies of the material and Ms. Dunlavy volunteered to make some for those who wanted them.

Mr. Shimizu wondered whose budget the cost of the copies would come out of. Ms. Dunlavy said that the City would pay for the small amount of copies we needed. Mr. Shimizu is worried that the City would charge us for the copies. Ms. Orton said that we hardly ever have copies made at the City office, most of the copying is done at her home. Ms. Dunlavy said that our committee does not over use the resources of the City. Two hundred dollars has been put in the budget for office supplies.

While the budget is being discussed, Ms. Conger mentioned that one of the things we to do is take an inventory and survey of the city's historical sites. She said that some money may need to be put aside to do this. She said that in an email Mike Peterson sent us he indicated that he had brought up the need to become a Certified Local Government and they were open to the idea. She wonders if they are going to take the ball and run with it or do we need to. She passed out a copy of a resume that needs to be filled out on each committee member and turned in when the application is made. If we do this now we will be further ahead no matter what the next step is. Mr. Evans was surprised to learn that we were not a Certified Local Government and said that if we become one, we could get a grant that will pay for the survey and inventory.

Ms. Conger was assigned to collect the resumes and take charge of the process with the help of Ms. Orton. Ms. Conger will follow through with Councilman Peterson. Mr. Evans indicated that what we put on the resume will determine if we have the expertise to qualify. Two of the members have to have the necessary historical experience or degree. Mr. Evans will be one of the two people for sure.

Mr. Glauser asked about the term lengths. Ms. Orton reminded the committee that we were given that information by Liane Stillman in either October or November when that same question was asked. Mr. Antczak said that those limits were spelled out in the new ordinance.

Mr. Shimizu wondered what amount should be put in the budget to take care of our archives located at the City offices. Mr. Evans said that would depend on how serious we were and what we are preserving. Color photography will not last as long as black and white. Digital copies need to be printed at a high caliber on acid free paper. Mr. Evans said he believes in the articles being kept in the location they originated. He thought we may want to partner with a larger entity and only keep copies of the material locally. He also said that some cities have negotiated with their local library to house the archives. He said our information would be easier to assess at the library instead of the City offices. The amount presently suggested for next year's budget is one thousand dollars. Mr. Evans thought that would be a good start.

The next budget item is scanners. Ms. Orton is working with Ms. Dunlavy on this item. Ms. Dunlavy indicated that the City has some scanners we can use and there is a very large machine that will scan maps and large items. She is currently working on finding a good portable scanner for our committee. The amount right now suggested in the budget is five hundred dollars.

Mr. Antczak said that he had purchased a scanner for the group and that Karen Larrabee had been using it. Ms. Orton said that it did not have a high enough resolution for what we needed to do. Ms. Dunlavy will be meeting with some people that the City gets their scanners from at a conference next week and will have a better idea of the cost for the budget.

The total that Mr. Shimizu is anticipating is thirty-two hundred dollars.

Ms. Dunlavy will check with Councilman Peterson when he returns to make sure that the City is going to cover the cost of the historic markers along the Big Cottonwood Trail.

The committee went over the number and placement of the markers now in place in the City. These are listed in the March minutes.

Mr. Shimizu wanted reports from those who had been assigned researching the history of the areas that were divided between committee members, Jerri Harwell, Union, Bev Lund, Creek Road, and Pat Menlove, the CCC Camp, but the subject got changed to the route of the granite from the two canyons. The years and routes are in dispute and Mr. Evans agreed that unless there is documentation from a reliable source, personal local accounts are not to be believed. Mr. Cromar had research this topic and a lot of the personal accounts proved to be wrong. We need to get that information from him as well as researching it further, if needed.

Mr. Glauser suggested that we read "The Lady in the Ore Bucket" written by Charles Keller. He has done massive research in the area using reliable sources. His resources are all documented. Mr. Shimizu asked who Mr. Keller was. Ms. Orton responded that Kevin Cromar had mentioned him many times in our meetings and when Mr. Glauser came on the committee Mr. Cromar suggested he read Mr. Keller's book. Soon after Mr. Keller was invited to our meeting and he spoke about the Heughs Canyon and the Green family. We all were impressed with his knowledge.

Mr. Smart asked if we would like one of the rails from the railroad. He has a friend willing to cut a piece for us. Everyone thought that would be wonderful.

The State History and the Utah Humanities Council are launching a Community History Program. Ms. Conger gave Mr. Shimizu a copy of a flyer with Kent Powell's name and phone number or email address. They are presently exploring funding opportunities, training and mentoring possibilities, community history definitions and content, and planning for writing and publishing of community histories. This fit right into what we are doing as a committee.

Ms. Orton said that she is sure he is the person who came to one of our earliest meetings to talk about oral community histories. He stressed the difference between personal oral histories and oral community histories. She felt that this would be a good thing to check into since there was a big committee change right after his presentation and most of the committee members have not been trained. Mr. Shimizu gave Ms. Orton the flyer and asked her to check on it.

Ms. Conger had assignments from Mr. Cromar to get some information on some of the first settlers in the area and she has typed them up. They include information on: the William Jr. and Mary McBlain McGhie family, William Spencer Covert, Abner Covert, Hyrum Covert, James Harrop and Sarah Jane Sharples family, Ern and Molly Green, and Della and Clive Tapp. Ms Conger indicated that she not a writer and would appreciate help from the committee in making changes to her work prior to submitting the final draft.

Mr. Glauser was excited to share with the committee his question and answer for next month's Journal;. He asked who the first white men (from the time the pioneers came into the valley) were who camped out between the mouth of Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. He passed out a copy to the committee.

He found this information in "The Lady in the Ore Bucket."

Ms. Dunleavy introduced Ann Eatchel, Events Coordinator for the City. Ms. Eatchel has attended one other of our meetings this year and may drop in from time to time. She is available to be of assistance at any time.

Mr. Smart complained that one thing was left out of the minutes from last month. He had suggested that Sylvia Orton hike the Lake Blanche trail to celebrate the naming of "Butler Peak" and this month suggests she carry the camera.

Meeting ended at 7:30 P.M. Our next meeting will be May 9, 2012, 6:15 P.M.