

1 Providence Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
2 July 20, 2010
3 6:00 p.m.

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5 THOSE ATTENDING: Jackie Robinette, Karl Seethaler, Jay Hicken, Kaye Lyn Harris,
6 Hoyt Kelley, Alma Leonhardt
7 OTHERS: Skarlet Bankhead, Don Calderwood, Dale Astle
8 Minutes taken by Brenda Nelson

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10 MOTION by A. Leonhardt to approve minutes of June 18, 2010. Second by K. Harris.
11 All in favor.

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13 J. Hicken asked if we could put copies of the intensive level surveys and oral histories in
14 the local library. H. Kelley agreed that the library is where he would look if he wanted to
15 find these studies. Right now, they are available at the City Office to be checked out. S.
16 Bankhead said we could check with the library to see if they would accept these items.
17 B. Nelson will talk to Sheri Ward at the City Office about making additional copies of the
18 oral history interviews on disks.

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20 **Item 1. Discussion on replacements for departing Commissioners.**

21 K. Seethaler welcomed Jackie Robinette as a new member of the Commission. She
22 introduced herself as being the wife of Stuart Robinette, a native of Providence. She said
23 they moved back to the Valley two years ago, and are living in the Robinette family
24 home. She expressed appreciation in being asked to fill the position and promised to do
25 her best. S. Bankhead administered the oath of office to her.

26 We still need one more member for the Commission. The Mayor has been trying to
27 contact an individual, and hopes to have him approved by the next meeting.

28 D. Astle explained that the City Council has set the terms of office for the Commission at
29 4 years. He stated that current members can decide on either a 2 year or 4 year term but
30 they need to be staggered so there will be continuity in the Commission. K. Seethaler
31 added that we will make these decisions at the next meeting.

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33 **Item 6. Update from the Pioneer Monument Committee**

34 This item will be done out of order to allow Dale Astle to give his report before he has to
35 leave. D. Astle reported that the Pioneer Monument Committee has spent a lot of time
36 thinking about what they can do to preserve the Old Rock Church. Offers have been
37 made to donate the equity of the building if funds can be raised to pay off the debt. A
38 number of ideas have surfaced for use of the building but nothing has been settled on yet.
39 We need a new City Office building, but the costs would be too high to remodel it for
40 that purpose. The Monument Committee has talked to a cross section of Providence
41 citizens, and the consensus is that everyone wants to preserve the building but very few
42 have funds to help. There is an individual that has worked with Brigham City on
43 revitalizing Academy Square. He is meeting with the Board to assess whether this is a
44 workable idea or not. We would need to raise \$2 million to pay off the debt and then
45 raise more funds to maintain the building.

1 There are a number of possible uses for the building – such as a senior center, for literary
2 groups, wedding receptions on weekends. There needs to be a way for the building to
3 generate revenue. Everyone agrees that they don't want it turned into apartments. It
4 needs to be maintained as a historic presence in the city.

5 H. Kelley added that he is familiar with the Brigham Academy – it is owned by Brigham
6 City and leased out for aerobic classes and other events. D. Astle agreed that it almost
7 needs to have the support of a government agency. There are some grants available such
8 as those funding the territorial prison in Wyoming. But that building is used as an
9 educational tool and for tourism. This would not work here.

10 H. Kelley suggested opening a German restaurant there. D. Astle said he will continue
11 working hand in hand with this Commission.

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13 The plaque that was taken off the Old Rock Church and placed on the Pioneer Monument
14 has now been replaced. K. Seethaler showed the Commission what it would be like.

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16 **Item 2. Update on signage details for historic signs.**

17 J. Hicken gave a report on the cost of the signs. Randy Eck, Public Works Director, took
18 this to the City Council. They approved the colors and costs of things. We have
19 discussed 18 x 24 inch signs. The signs in Logan are about that size. The cost is \$112 for
20 four signs or \$28 each. The total cost of the signage is \$1843.43. This is counting 40
21 intersections and 4 signs on each intersection, with 40 extra replacements. The stickers
22 will have orange background with white lettering and a black lamp post. The inset saying
23 Providence City will have a blue background with white lettering. The 4 larger signs will
24 be brown as that is the official color of historical markers. J. Hicken suggested we look at
25 the signs on Center Street in Logan.

26 B. Nelson reported that in the contract it stated that the signs must be according to
27 Division of State History regulations. She asked what those regulations are. She read an
28 email stating that the signage only affects historical buildings not street signs. Included
29 in the cost is the cost for poles to put the 4 signs on. A. Leonhardt wondered if we could
30 put the signs on existing poles. They need to be 50 feet from the intersection. The grant
31 includes costs for new poles. D. Astle said the signs need to be placed so they don't
32 obstruct the view for traffic. J. Hicken said he will continue working with the Public
33 Works Dept on the signage

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35 **Item 3. Update on intensive level surveys**

36 B. Nelson read emails from Korral Broschinsky, the consultant chosen to do the surveys.
37 She had asked that when we send the addresses of the properties to survey, we state why
38 we had chosen the property. B. Nelson wondered if our reasoning was just. Mostly, we
39 chose the homes based on a variety of architectural styles. K. Broschinsky stated that
40 these reasons were fine,

41 D. Astle asked if we had contacted the owners of the homes we had chosen. B. Nelson
42 will do that this next month. It was agreed to stick with the homes chosen previously.

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44 **Item 4. Discussion possible ordinances for the Historic District.**

45 H. Kelley felt that the Springville ordinances were the best. He had modified their
46 ordinances to fit better with Providence City. He explained that he strongly feels that

1 these ordinances should apply to a smaller section of the City, such as from 100 South to
2 100 North and 100 West to 100 East. That is where there is the largest concentration of
3 historic homes. He felt that as we talk about garages, driveways, fences, etc., we could
4 include pictures of homes that we already have in our reconnaissance survey to illustrate
5 what we are trying to maintain in the District.

6 An example is the trees lining the streets. S. Bankhead said people get attached to the
7 trees and have a hard time when they get diseased and have to be taken out. If we
8 included a statement such as we recommend having “mature healthy trees that provide
9 shade”. Otherwise the trees become a liability to both the owner and the City. H. Kelley
10 said his document is just a starting point. D. Astle said we don’t want to micromanage
11 everything. People still have property rights. We need to deal in generalities and keep
12 the core of Providence historical

13 D. Astle suggested this Commission holds a joint meeting with the Planning Commission
14 to see how they feel about these issues. The Planning Commission is the body that will
15 make recommendations to the City Council. K. Harris felt we needed time to go over the
16 document H. Kelley had drafted. K. Seethaler wondered about creating a subcommittee
17 with members from both the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning
18 Commission to prepare the ordinances and take to the rest of the group. H. Kelley asked
19 that we have it a joint meeting between the two bodies. D. Astle suggested that we go
20 over H. Kelley’s documents, and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

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22 **Item 5. Discussion on Sauerkraut Dinner opportunities**

23 B. Nelson asked the Commission if they would like to have a display at the Sauerkraut
24 Dinner in October. A. Leonhardt felt we should have some of the history books to sell.
25 He also recommended we display some of the old books on beautification for people to
26 look at.

27 H. Kelley wondered if anything could be done to get real homemade sauerkraut at the
28 dinner. A. Leonhardt said it is the cooking of the kraut that makes it good. It needs to
29 cook and simmer several hours. H. Kelley would also like to see more of German
30 traditions and entertainment.

31 The Commission would like a table to be set up in the hall.

32 Commission discussed making the sauerkraut and where to store it. They also
33 commented that there is not enough seating because people come to eat and sit and visit.

34 S. Bankhead agreed that we can’t really handle many more than the 300-400 people that
35 attend the dinner. We could always offer it for two nights if there is need. It is not a
36 huge moneymaker, but the City tries to get sponsors to help with expenses.

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38 **Other business:**

39 K. Seethaler asked S. Bankhead to report on the museum. She stated that they had
40 received the appraisal on the property. She has asked Dennis Giles, Building Inspector,
41 and Brent Speth, from the Fire Dept; to assess what it would take to make the building
42 publicly accessible. There is not much funding for the building. RAPZ tax fund is the
43 best one but the City historically only gets about ½ of what it asks for. The City has a
44 laundry list of projects they would like to get done. J. Robinette stated that Logan City
45 asked for 14 items last year. B. Nelson asked if this group could submit a request for
46 RAPZ funding. S. Bankhead said no, but the Pioneer Monument Committee could since

1 they have 5013c status. S. Bankhead stated that she has looked into a number of grant
2 possibilities, but most are matching grants. The City does not have the money at this
3 time to match another grant.
4 S. Bankhead is concerned about the small size of the house. It is only 880 square feet.
5 There is a basement that is built out of rock from the Providence Quarry, but it still does
6 not have much usable space. B. Nelson suggested going on a field trip to other museums
7 in the County to see what kinds of displays they have.

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9 MOTION to adjourn the meeting by K. Harris. Second by H. Kelley. All in favor

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11 Next meeting will be on August 17th

12 Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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17 Karl Seethaler, Chairman

Brenda Nelson, Secretary