

1 Providence Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
2 January 18, 2011
3 6:00 p.m.

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5 THOSE PRESENT: Karl Seethaler, Jackie Robinette, Kaye Lyn Harris, Carol Nyman,
6 Alma Leonhardt, Hoyt Kelley, Jay Hicken
7 OTHERS: Kevin Opsuhl, Dale Astle, Don Calderwood
8 Minutes taken by Brenda Nelson

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10 Motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010 by A. Leonhardt. Second by H.
11 Kelley. All in favor.

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13 **Item 1. Update on signs in historic district**

14 J. Hicken handed out pictures of each of the eight places chosen as sites for historic
15 district signs. The first four will be completed with the CLG grant money. The other
16 four will be on hold until future money becomes available. D. Astle remarked that
17 placement of the signs affect the right-of-way. He remembered that on 100 West and 100
18 North, a scout wanted to put a welcome to Providence sign. He had a lot of trouble
19 dealing with UDOT as it is a State Road. You can't have a sign too far into the public
20 right-of-way, and you need permission from the landowner if you get it too far off the
21 public right-of-way. B. Nelson asked if the small signs that attach to the street signs are
22 up yet. D. Astle said he thought the Public Works Director was waiting for the weather
23 to warm up before putting them up.

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25 **Item 2. Report on the completion of the intensive level surveys**

26 B.Nelson reported that Korral Broschinsky has completed the eight intensive level
27 surveys. She presented the packet containing folders on each of the properties. The
28 survey information includes pictures of the homes, abstracts from County records on each
29 home; an architectural description of the home, history on the home and the original
30 owners. Each survey has this information on a cd and has one for the home owner as
31 well. K. Broschinsky turned in the surveys to the Division of State History. As soon as
32 the historic signs are up, B. Nelson will turn in a request to the State for reimbursement.
33 Discussion on what to do with this information. It was suggested that we put a copy in
34 the Library, put it on the website, and have it available to check out from the city office.
35 J. Hicken mentioned that this information is what is needed for these people to prepare a
36 nomination for the National Historic Register. This will happen only if the homeowner
37 pursues it. Perhaps next year we can include these properties in a tour of historic
38 properties

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40 **Item 3. Discussion on possibility of creating an archive of family histories**

41 C. Nyman explained that last fall she went to Nauvoo, Illinois on a trip and visited the
42 Land and Records Office. She wanted to find out how they catalog and categorize their
43 information. They have a computer program that might be able to help us. If we want to
44 look it over, it is at the site: www.earlylds.com and is called "the next generation". It is
45 available for purchase for \$30. It allows anyone to go into the site and share their family

1 history or any other information they have. It might work for the oral histories as well as
2 the intensive level surveys just completed.

3 Is there a way to link it to our website? B.Nelson stated that this was the intent of the
4 historic preservation website – to be interactive. Any material that is presented to be
5 published is sent first to an “editor” who previews it before putting it on the site.

6 B. Nelson suggested that we each look at the current website and then come back at the
7 next meeting with suggestions on how to implement this. K. Seethaler wondered about
8 archiving books written about individual families. Do we have room to archive a large
9 book collection? D. Astle felt that most people only want to skim over a few details, not
10 read an entire volume.

11 12 **Item 4. Discussion on the possibility of making a dvd about the lime quarry**

13 J. Hicken hasn’t talked again to the people at Johnson’s Construction A. Leonhardt felt
14 they should have a lot of good pictures. We need to decide what we want to do with the
15 information once we get it. A. Leonhardt suggested we put together a dvd with narration.
16 It could be used as an educational tool for the schools, as well as a great archive piece. A.
17 Leonhardt stated that Watkins Printing makes dvds. J. Hicken reminded everyone of the
18 dvd Murray put together on the impact of the smelters to their city. H. Kelley wished that
19 there were some older folks who actually remembered the quarry. J. Hicken suggested
20 we send a request out to the public to see if anyone has pictures. J. Hicken will talk to
21 Larry Jardine before the next meeting.

22 23 **Item 5. Update from Dale Astle on the Pioneer Monument Committee**

24 D. Astle reported that they are still waiting for their attorney to amend the Articles of
25 Incorporation for the group. Once that is done, they will look for a project. and will act
26 as the fundraising arm for this Commission. The most critical need is to get as much
27 community support as possible. The quarry project discussed earlier may be a good one
28 to start with. D. Astle mentioned that many cities have old log houses, but he wondered
29 about retrofitting an early log home to the 1880-1890 era with artifacts of that time
30 period. He hopes that we can find a project the Monument Committee can help with in
31 the next 12-18 months. He hopes that the first project will be successful so people will be
32 enthusiastic about doing more projects in the future.

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34 D. Astle also mentioned that he had found that the property boundary line on the property
35 at 100 North Main goes to the chain link fence. Beyond the chain link fence is the City
36 Park. He felt that the Commission needs to decide whether they want this building to be
37 used as a museum, or to have it as a display of a restored Tithing House. He suggested
38 the Commission come up with a concise plan, a cost to purchase the building, and costs
39 associated with maintaining it, and present this to the City Council and the Pioneer
40 Monument Foundation.

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42 H. Kelley felt the building was too small for a museum, but that it could be added on to
43 and have the addition be the museum with the existing house as part of the exhibit. D.
44 Astle said the City Council perceives this project as a “money pit” that would cost more
45 than its worth. There needs to be a way to generate revenue. He suggested making a

1 replica of what the whole area would look like. This would create interest in the
2 community.

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4 A. Leonhardt reported that he spoke with Paul Willie, who owns the historic Willie Home
5 in Mendon. It is only open on holidays and special town event days. Volunteers take
6 turns showing it on those days. D. Astle explained that Paul Willie owns the home and
7 got some help through the RAPZ funding to restore it. Don Calderwood suggested that if
8 you had a design concept, USU students could give you architectural renditions. A.
9 Leonhardt added that you need to include the other buildings (freight office, the post
10 office, etc.), and see how the whole idea comes together.

11 C. Hansen asked about using the blacksmith shop because there is more room there. She
12 suggested having the City own the building and the DUP run it. They have their own
13 ways of cataloging exhibit items so there would have to be a concise contract. The two
14 could work as partners on the project. C. Nyman mentioned that there are two DUP
15 camps here in Providence.

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17 **Item 6. Discussion on the possibility of a museum**

18 This item has just been discussed.

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20 **Item 7. Discussion of ordinances for the Historic District**

21 H. Kelley has been working on the opening page. The committee formed last month has
22 not officially met, but has been going over the draft via email. A. Leonhardt agreed that
23 there still needs to be some discussion on this. J. Robinette wondered if page 2 should be
24 required rather than recommended. K. Harris said that the Planning Commission will
25 decide how they want it to be written, but we can recommend that this be required. H.
26 Kelley stated that these ordinances are to protect the existing district from becoming too
27 modernized and losing the historic feeling. He felt that this area should be entitled to
28 special considerations – such as sub standard lot sizes should be given a chance to
29 become a residence rather than sit vacant and filled with weeds. D. Astle reported that all
30 lots in this zone have 95 foot frontage – very few lots can be divided in half and have
31 enough frontage to meet the requirement. A few years ago the requirement was reduced
32 to 70 feet frontage, but now its back to 95 ft. D. Astle felt we need some type of appeal
33 process. We need to see if these ordinances conflict with existing ordinances. There
34 could still be some editing, but this is a great start.

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36 The Planning Commission meets in one week on Jan. 26. D. Astle suggested we send
37 two representatives from this Commission to the meeting. Get the document to Terri
38 Lewis, Planning Secretary, and contact Glen Busch, the Chairman, to get on the agenda.
39 MOTION by J. Hicken that we accept this as a working copy and make arrangements for
40 the committee to attend the Planning Commission meeting and present it. Second by H.
41 Kelley. All in favor

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43 **Item 8. Discussion on compiling articles written by Ken Braegger**

44 K. Seethaler explained that Ken Braegger has written many articles about his life growing
45 up in Providence. K. Seethaler asked him if he has copies of all his articles, and if he
46 would let us archive them. It would be good to compile them and put them on the

1 website. MOTION by J. Hicken that C. Nyman talk with Ken Braegger about getting his
2 articles and single out those that relate to Providence City. Second by J. Robinette. All
3 in favor. K. Seethaler wondered if Providence City should have a historian. He
4 suggested Ken Braegger or Doran Baker. J. Hicken wondered what a historian would
5 really do, since the City keeps a history through minutes. It was suggested that a
6 photographer would be nice to take pictures of city events. It was also mentioned that
7 many people keep scrapbooks and that is another type of history. We have a few that
8 have been donated.

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10 J. Robinette wanted to go back to the museum discussion. She wondered if we have an
11 action to pursue. Do we want a graduate student to evaluate this and make a
12 recommendation? K. Harris said we need to know if we can afford to use this building.
13 What about parking requirements? What about ada accessibility? B. Nelson reminded
14 the Commission that the RAPZ applications are due in March. It would be great if the
15 City Council would allow this project as their application this year. J. Hicken felt we
16 should go after the Tithing Office, and include a place for Keith Watkins printing
17 artifacts as well as some of the items that Ken Braegger has to display. J. Hicken added
18 that a log cabin turned into a home of that era would be great.

19 J. Hicken felt we first need a concept and then we can purchase the land. A. Leonhardt
20 agreed that this corner lot is a prime spot in the center of town. Once we decide how
21 much money it will take, the fundraising can begin with the Monument Committee. D.
22 Calderwood felt that the blacksmith shop would be more attractive because you could
23 actually watch someone working as a blacksmith.

24 MOTION by A. Leonhardt that we form a committee made up of J. Hicken, J. Robinette,
25 and C. Nyman to create a concept plan for the museum. Second by K. Harris. All in
26 favor D. Astle suggested getting measurements of the building and the lot from the
27 appraisal. J. Hicken asked J. Robinette to chair the committee.

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29 MOTION by K. Harris to adjourn the meeting. Second by C. Nyman. All in favor.
30 Next meeting Feb. 15, 2011.
31 Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Karl Seethaler, Chairman

Brenda Nelson, Secretary