

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

2 **May 17, 2011 6:00 p.m.**

3 **Providence City Office Building**

4 **15 South Main, Providence, UT 84332**

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6 **Chairman: Karl Seethaler**

7 **Commissioners: J Hicken, C Nyman, A Leonhardt, H Kelley, J Robinette**

8 **Excused: K Harris**

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10 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

11 The Providence City Historic Preservation Commission will consider for approval the minutes of March 15, 2011.

12 **Motion to approve the minutes with the following changes: A Leonhardt, J Hicken second**

13 Fix the spelling of Boyd Israelsen, Kris Kvarfordt

14 **Vote: Yea: K Seethaler, J Hicken, C Nyman, A Leonhardt, H Kelley, J Robinette**

15 **Nay: None**

16 **Abstain: None**

17 **Excused: K Harris**

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19 **Item No. 1.** The Providence City Historic Commission will review the status of the following proposals for the
20 Providence City Council: Town Historian, Joint Projects and the Museum.

21 K Seethaler told the Commission that the City Council agreed to allow a City Historian. It was suggested that the
22 Historian would keep the minutes for the meetings.

23 D Astle said the Council is excited to have a City Historian. The Commission needs to decide who they would like to
24 recommend to the Council and if the Historian will be an active member of the Commission. Will they report to the
25 Commission or to the Council? The details need to be worked out.

26 K Seethaler informed the Commission that Carol Nyman is interested in the position.

27 J Hicken feels like it should be two separate positions. He doesn't feel like the Historian should be part of the
28 Commission. What will the Historian do?

29 D Astle went over the responsibilities of the City Historian.

30 A Leonhardt would like to have someone to represent the historical aspects of the City. He feels like the person should
31 be on the Commission.

32 J Hicken said they would keep the historical records of the City.

33 H Kelley feels like the Commission would be pioneering something. He would like to see the Historian part of the
34 Commission also. This would be an unpaid position.

35 C Nyman said if the two positions get too much she will leave the Commission. She doesn't want to do the minutes.

36 J Hicken would like for a City employee to continue doing the minutes.

37 J Hicken moves to have Carol Nyman be the City Historian.

38 J Robinette moves that C Nyman remain part of the Historic Commission.

39 The Commission discussed how the Historian would function with the Commission.

40 J Robinette does feel like the Historian should be a liaison to the Commission.

41 D Astle said most appointed Chairs answer to the Mayor. Maybe the Historian should answer to the Historic
42 Commission Chairman.

43 **Motion to propose the name of C Nyman to act as Historian and be a member of the Commission or liaison to the**

44 **Commission: H Kelley, A Leonhardt second**

45 **Vote: Yea: K Seethaler, J Hicken, C Nyman, A Leonhardt, H Kelley, J Robinette**

46 **Nay: None**

47 **Abstain: None**

48 **Excused: K Harris**

49 **Amendment to the motion: the term be set for 6 years: H Kelley, J Hicken second**

50 **Vote: Yea: K Seethaler, J Hicken, C Nyman, A Leonhardt, H Kelley, J Robinette**

51 **Nay: None**

52 **Abstain: None**

53 **Excused: K Harris**

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55 K Seethaler said the letter of memorandum of understanding for presentation to the Council is ready to go. Is there any
56 changes that need to be made?

57 The Commission discussed the letter concerning The Providence Historic Preservation Commission and the Providence
58 Pioneer Heritage, Inc. These two organizations combining will benefit both organizations with fundraising efforts.

1 **Motion to recommend that this be sent to the Council for consideration: A Leonhardt, J Robinette second**
2 **Vote: K Seethaler, J Hicken, C Nyman, A Leonhardt, H Kelley, J Robinette**
3 **Nay: None**
4 **Abstain: None**
5 **Excused: K Harris**
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7 J Robinette met with Mayor Liechty and the City Council to talk about using the Old Rock Church as a museum. She
8 has met with Boyd Israelsen and Kris Kvarfordt. She asked K Kvarfordt to speak to the Commission on the different
9 ideas that they came up with.

10 K Kvarfordt showed the Commission some ideas that he has been working on concerning the Old Rock Church. He
11 asked for any changes or ideas that they have.

12 K Seethaler excused himself from the conversation due to a conflict of interest.

13 K Kvarfordt talked about the different areas and different things that could be done. He would like to see a museum,
14 City Offices, City Park and City Gardens. It would be a City Center.

15 He discussed who would help fund this project. He provided a preliminary budget for this project.

16 The Commission discussed the budget estimates and how to get this project ready to take to the Council.

17 It was suggested that if the Old Rock Church was still used for receptions it would help offset the cost of the building.

18 **J Robinette asked to be excused at 7:00 p.m.**

19 The Commission discussed fund raising and how long it would take to raise 4.5 million dollars.

20 J Hicken feels like the first hurdle is getting the City to agree to move into the building once it is purchased.

21 D Astle said if the Old Rock Church is going to be acquired it has to be decided ahead of time who is going to take care
22 of it.

23 J Hicken wants to give it to the City and let them create a foundation to take care of it.

24 A Leonhardt thinks this City Center is a great idea.

25 K Kvarfordt said that he is looking at the June 28th Council meeting to present this presentation.

26 B Israelsen told the Commission his recollection of Providence in the 1940's. He would like to see a concerted effort to
27 improve the City Center.

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29 **Item No. 2.** The Providence City Historic Commission will discuss the Commissions participation in City
30 Celebrations.

31 C Nyman asked for volunteers to work in the booth for the City Celebration.

32 H Kelley will work from 5:00 to 7:00.

33 J Hicken will work from 3:00 to 5:00.

34 They will be giving out horseshoe rings and a coloring contest for the kids.

35 A Leonhardt said he would come and help wherever he can.

36 K Seethaler said he would like to do Founder's Day, April 20th every year and they are also involved in the Sauerkraut
37 Dinner in September.

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39 **Item No. 3.** The Providence City Historic Commission will discuss updates on the ceremony and activities to replace
40 the plaque at the Old Rock Church on April 20, 2011, archiving family histories, artifacts, oral histories and creating
41 educational materials.

42 K Seethaler told the Commission that the April 20th ceremony was mentioned in the Deseret News.

43 J Hicken will talk to Randy Eck about putting up the Historic District signs.

44 K Seethaler said the next meeting will be June 21, 2011.

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46 **Motion to adjourn: J Hicken, C Nyman second**

47 **Vote: Yea: K Seethaler, J Hicken, C Nyman, A Leonhardt, H Kelley**

48 **Nay: None**

49 **Abstain: None**

50 **Excused: K Harris, J Robinette**
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52 Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

53 Minutes taken and prepared by Terri Lewis
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Karl Seethaler, Chairman

Terri Lewis