

1 **Providence Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**
2 **Providence City Office Building**
3 **15 South Main**
4 **Providence UT**
5 **October 19, 2011 6:00 PM**
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7 **Attendance:** Chair: Karl Seethaler – Excused
8 Members: Jay Hicken, Hoyt Kelley, Alma Leonhardt, Carol Nyman
9 Excused: KayeLyn Harris

10 J Hicken acted as chair for this meeting.

11 **Item No. 1. The Providence City Historic Preservation Commission will consider approval**
12 **of the minutes from September 20, 2011.**

13 J Hicken reported Jackie Robinette has resigned from the Commission. She and J Hicken have
14 submitted some names to fill the Commission vacancy to the Mayor for consideration.

15 Motion to approve – H Kelley, second – C Nyman.

16 No changes.

17 Vote: Yea: J Hicken, H Kelley, A Leonhardt, C Nyman

18 Nay: None

19 Abstained: None

20 Excused: K Harris, K Seethaler

21 **Item No. 2. The Providence City Historic Preservation Commission will hear a report from**
22 **Dale Astle for the PPI on the status of the fund raising for the Old Rock Church.**

23 Dale Astle, Providence Pioneer Heritage, Inc. (PPH) reported the following:

- 24 • There will be an open house this evening at the Old Rock Church to gather general
25 comments from the public to see what interest is there. This has been advertised in the
26 newspaper.
- 27 • Mission statement: The Providence Pioneer Heritage, Inc. is dedicated to preserving
28 records, buildings, oral and written histories, and other significant artifacts and traditions
29 of our legacy. We endeavor to promote Providence heritage by honoring the crucial bond
30 we have with those who came before us, to expand our community awareness, define our
31 sense of place and set the stage to more richly bless the lives of those who follow.
- 32 • Board of Directors: President – Dale Astle; Directors: Stewart Robinette, Kathy Baker,
33 Frank Fuhrman, Kathleen Alder, Kris Kardvardt, Brad Basset (the Manager of Maceys).
34 Need a secretary. Dwight Cook is the treasurer, but will be resigning and then leaving for
35 a mission for the LDS church after the first of the year.
- 36 • A printed flyer “Save the Old Rock Church” was distributed at the Providence City Car
37 Show. They will be a table at the Sauerkraut Dinner containing a display with color flyers
38 that has been designed to solicit donations.
- 39 • At the request of PPH, a USU Class has developed the survey. PPH members have
40 reviewed the questions and feel they are objective. The students will be contacting about
41 1,000 Providence residences for the face-to-face, anonymous survey. It will be completed
42 by November 1.
- 43 • USU Credit Union (USUCU) holds the mortgage on the Old Rock Church. They declared
44 the mortgage in default in August 2011 and demanded payment in full, with the intent to
45 foreclose. With permission from Karl Seethaler, representatives from PPH spoke with
46 USUCU. PPH has a letter of agreement reducing the interest rate to a 2% rate, allowing
47 monthly interest-only payments of approximately \$3,000/month through April 10, 2012.
48 If the payments are made and fund raising has received \$200,000 in cash and/or pledges
49 by April 2012, USU is willing to consider extending the 2% interest rate another 6

1 months (October 10, 2012), requiring principle and interest monthly payments based on a
2 30-year 2% interest amortization schedule. K Seethaler will also be required to make
3 additional \$3,000/month payments beginning in April 2012 to bring current the
4 delinquent property taxes (3years past due approximately \$36,000). D Astle felt by April,
5 PPH would know if they are going to be successful on raising funds (1.8 million) to
6 purchase the Old Rock Church. 2-acres with a 20,000 sq.-foot building.

7 **Item No. 3. The Providence City Historic Preservation Commission will discuss the**
8 **possibility of a new commission member. Carol Nyman has also been reappointed as a**
9 **Providence City Historic Preservation Commission member.**

10 D Astle explained C Nyman requested she be placed back on the Historic Preservation
11 Commission as a commission member. The City Council took that action during the October 11
12 meeting.

- 13 • This leaves a gap in the historian position that was approved. The City Council approved
14 the historian job description as somewhat of a general description including: be familiar
15 with Providence history, aware of heritage activities, reach out to the public to educate,
16 provide under the direction of the city recorder archive historic documents, maintain
17 order of inventory, research and gather historic data, take and prepare the minutes of the
18 Historic Preservation Commission, follow through on the mission statement of the
19 Historic Preservation Commission.
- 20 • D Astle explained C Nyman felt the job was too complex to do the secretarial portion of
21 the description. He gave copies of the approved job description to the Commission
22 members asked them to consider if they want to split the position into two positions.
- 23 • D Astle explained if the position is split, a volunteer for the secretarial duties, including
24 taking and preparing the Historic Preservation Commission minutes, would need to be
25 found.
- 26 • J Hicken felt there were 3 positions: commission member, historian, and secretary.
- 27 • J Hicken felt the historian was under the direction of the City – not the Commission; D
28 Astle agreed; C Nyman disagreed. D Astle explained the historian reports to the city
29 recorder, the recorder reports to the Mayor. The historian is a liaison to the Commission.
- 30 • J Hicken felt the commission members had enough to do as commission members. He
31 felt the commission member should be separate from the historian. He also explained
32 whoever the secretary is, has a major role in the commission. While they don't vote –
33 they play a vital role.
- 34 • H Kelly would like the historian to make public access to the records that have been
35 created more convenient.
- 36 • C Nyman explained she wanted to focus on historian work; but would still like to be on
37 the Commission.
- 38 • A Leonhardt requested more information on the duties of the historian and the secretary.

39 Motion to table discussion on this issue to the next meeting – H Kelley, second – A Leonhardt, J
40 Hicken added “with some discussion with City staff”

41 Vote: No vote taken

42 **Item No. 4. The Providence City Historic Preservation Commission will discuss possible**
43 **projects for application for grant money such as a video of the rock quarry and an**
44 **educational coloring book of Providence for the grade school.**

45 J Hicken suggested applying for grant money to create an education package. Items may include
46 the following:

- 47 • DVD of the quarry – impact on development of Providence.
- 48 • DVD with short 3-5 minute stories from people such as: Ken Braegger, Hoyt Kelley,
49 Opal Chugg, Elizabeth Brown, and Marie Olsen.

- 1 • Coloring book telling the history of Providence and Cache Valley.
- 2 • Providence and Her People Volumes 2 and 3
- 3 • C Nyman suggested the Utah Pioneer Arts. She reported Providence Elementary is very
- 4 interested, River Heights Elementary is tentative. J Hicken felt that was something
- 5 different – not something the Commission was doing.
- 6 • Visual aids, posters, fact sheet, etc.
- 7 • Assignments, includes determining costs: J Hicken & H Kelley – Quarry; C Nyman –
- 8 coloring book, fact sheet, and Providence and Her People books; A Leonhardt – story
- 9 tellers; H Kelley – visual aids.

10 **Item No. 5. The Providence City Historic Preservation Commission will discuss the**
11 **upcoming Sauerkraut Dinner.**

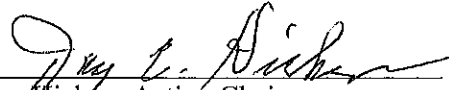
- 12 • The Commission discussed and decided on their time assignments.
- 13 • C Nyman reported they are spotlighting the deceased postmasters. Hicken felt that even
- 14 though Burke Gunnell was still living, he should be included.
- 15 • C Nyman reported Cleve Romney is coming; he is Utah Pioneer Arts. He tells stories,
- 16 plays music. J Hicken explained Romney is independent – he doesn't represent anyone.
- 17 • C Nyman requested several tables for displays, for stamps, for TV.
- 18 • J Hicken explained the items he has from the personal collection of Roland Roche,
- 19 current postmaster.

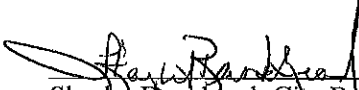
20 Next meeting November 15, 2011.

21 Motion to adjourn – H Kelley, second – C Nyman.

22 Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

23 Minutes taken and prepared by Skarlet Bankhead.

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27 Jay Hicken, Acting Chair


Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder