

Smithfield City Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024

The Smithfield City Historic Preservation Commission met at the City Office located at 96 South Main in Smithfield, Utah on Thursday, November 21, 2024. The meeting began at 5:32 pm

Commission Members in attendance: Mike Harris, Sharon Johnson, Craig Neilson, Jeff Gittins, Donya Harvey

Commission Members Excused: Eric Bingham, Ray Cheatham

Visitors: Lynda Gittins, Kris Monson, Jon Wells, Todd Orme

1. Welcome

Mike Harris, Chair, conducted the meeting. Justin Lewis was thanked for his help and support.

2. Approval of Minutes Sept 12, 2024. Donya made a motion to accept the minutes.

3. Presentation by Sharon Johnson

Time was turned to Sharon to review Ordinance 18-14 “Historic Preservation Commission”. Each commission member was given a copy of the ordinance.

Points Reviewed:

- * Scope and job of the commission

- * The ordinance was prompted by Certified Local Government (CLG) funding.

CLG funding is federal funds from the National Park Service. These federal funds are managed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Alena Franco helps with applications and Jansen Bennett is the architect. Cities must remain active (2 meetings a year) to apply for funds,

- * SHPO has annual conferences. Jeff and Lynda attended the conference held in Oct in Price.

- * SHPO does assessments before work starts. Federal monies have specific guidelines.

- * There are tax credits available for private businesses. Must be Smithfield residents.

- * The commission is an advisory role.

- * Commission members term is 4 years. Commission members must have an interest, knowledge, or experience in fields related to historic preservation.

- * CLG Grants can be applied for every other year (This is because of the 18 month grant cycle.

Projects must be completed before next application is made.) Smithfield may apply again in Jan 2025 for up to \$20,000 with a \$20,000 match. All grants are applied for through Smithfield City.

Discussion on the differing roles of the Historic Preservation Commission vs. Historical Society.

4. Other Items of Business

It was suggested Just Serve could be used to help at the new museum.

The intent of the Commission is to use the CLG grants for the museum rather than make applications on behalf of a private business.

Mike made a motion to adjourn. Donya seconded. Tour of progress at Rock Store Museum.