

Smithfield City Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Saturday, June 20, 2020

The Smithfield City Historic Preservation Commission met at 200 South 1600 West on Saturday, June 20, 2020. The meeting began at 5:06 pm

Commission Members in attendance: Jeff Gittins, Glen Jay Thornley, Jon Wells, Craig Neilson, Mike Harris.

Excused: Stephen Teuscher, Juli Weber

Visitors: Jeff Barnes

Welcome by Jeff Gittins, Chair, who conducted the meeting.

Prayer by Jon Wells.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 was made by Thornley seconded by Wells.

Question on the motion by Harris. He remembered talking about a dedicated fund created for donations for history or heritage purposes. A sentence was added to the minutes: “ There is now a dedicated fund set up strictly for the purpose of receiving donations to history and heritage preservation that can be carried over from year to year.”

Yes Vote: Gittins, Thornley, Wells, Neilson, Harris

No Vote: none

Jon Wells reported on the status of the two projects using the CLG Grant. The stabilization of the Mercantile Building has been done. That needed to be completed by June 30th because the \$5,000 matching funds from the City (to the approx. \$5,000 of the CLG money) were in the budget year that ends June 30th. The total cost may go over the \$10,000 and so the extra money could come from funds left from the Historical Society budget because of no Health Days and other funds not used.

Jon gave Jim Palmer from Cartwright Engineering the report done by Allen Roberts to assist with the study on the strength and stability of the tower of the

Historic Tabernacle. This is being done in anticipation of a replicated, light-weighted steeple to be added. Jon explained it is not so much a study if the building can hold the weight of the steeple but if the steeple could withstand an earthquake. The report will need to be done by Aug 31st as the other \$5,000 of the CLG grant will have to be used by Aug 31st. The City's matching \$5,000 is in next years budget.

Jon also reported that Kerry Watts had offered to clean out the alley south of the Mercantile building. Kerry also offered to restore the drinking fountain, repair the flag pole, and also put a spotlight on his building to shine onto the flagpole. There was some discussion into buying a new flagpole with the budget money that is left.

A closing thought- "A Moment is time"- Jeff pointed out Cash Smith Farm to the west, by the Bear River. This is where the original clay pit run by Lars Mouritsen was located. This is where the 220,000 brick was made for the Tabernacle. Jeff told how the windy roads were traveled to cross Summit Creek to get the brick to City Square, 3 miles to the east.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Neilson seconded by Wells.

Yes Vote: Gittins, Thornley, Wells, Neilson, Harris

No Vote: none

Meeting adjourned 5:56 pm.