

## **Minutes of the Kanab City Heritage and Historic Preservation Board Meeting**

September 12, 2022, 5:30 pm

Kanab City Office, 26 N 100 E, Kanab UT 84741

Inasmuch as the Chair and Vice Chair were unable to attend the meeting, Kyler explained that the first order of business was the need for a motion to appoint a temporary chair for this meeting. Motion to appoint Joyce as temporary chair of the meeting was made by Karen, seconded by Connie. Motion carried.

Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Present were Connie Sweifel, Karen Heet, John McClellan, Joyce Bush, Kyler Ludwig (Kanab City Manager), Chris Heaton (Kanab City Council Liaison), and Kent Burggraaf (Kanab City Attorney). Susan Honey came into the meeting after roll call.

Motion to approve the August 1, 2022, minutes was made by Connie, seconded by Karen. Motion carried.

Joyce opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Judy Habbeshaw expressed concern about museum artifacts that may be housed in the old electric plant at 300 N 100 E. Because of the condition of the building, have the artifacts been moved to a more secure, safer place? [There are no responses given to public comment questions.] She asked when and how the museum will be returned to its original condition.

Linda Alderman-Briscoe expressed concern about where and how the artifacts are being stored. She and others present are volunteering to help get the museum up and rolling again, hopefully before the end of the year.

Bob Briscoe expressed offense about the August 18 police matter involving Mrs. Alderman-Briscoe and the museum articles.

Jim Page expressed concern about a mystery shipping container immediately behind the museum that might be holding artifacts, which in his opinion the temperature inside the container would be unsafe. Staff explained the container does not belong to the city.

After the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Kyler gave an update on the Museum and answered board member's specific questions. The first question was: What is the status of the restoration of the Museum? City staff is in the process of applying for a grant to help with the cost of the flooring, estimated to be around \$25,000. Susan said she had given Emily information about the county commission having TRT money available to help hire a professional to finish the museum floor. The anticipated timeline for completion is spring of 2023.

The second question was: Will it be put back the way it was originally designed, or is there going to be another way of setting it up? The museum will not look exactly like it did before. There will be changes when it is reopened; it will not look like it did before. Kyler explained this is a dynamic museum that will change as new things become available and as time goes on. The goal of the Museum is to share the history of all

peoples who have lived in this wonderful place. He fully anticipates change and hopes that all be open to the changes.

The floor was then opened the floor for questions from the Board. Susan asked "Can volunteers help in putting stuff back?" Kyler explained the use of volunteers will have to be discussed. Volunteers will have to have a specific skill set to be able to help with the museum.

John asked, "Is there a building in Kanab that's more secure than where things are now?" Chris said the shipping container is not on city property. The exact location of the artifacts will not be disclosed in a public meeting. The concerns are making sure a place is dry and as much away from heat as possible. The old electric plant is secure at this point. John refuted whether it is secure, but he hasn't been there recently.

Karen asked if more than the floor will be paid for with the grant. When the flooring is completed, shelving will be secured and the transition will begin. Karen also asked if there is a timeline for how long after the flooring is completed the museum will be reopened. Tyler estimates it might be 90 days after the flooring is completed. She then asked if there will be a big celebration when it reopens. Kyler anticipates there will an event with the public invited.

Susan questioned about shelving and whether it needs to be ordered soon. "If the travel council money were available, could we use that now?" Kyler explained that the grant that has been applied for cannot be used to repay funds that have already been spent. The city should know available by the end of the month whether the grant funding will be awarded.

Connie commented about the importance of having qualified people tracking and cataloging material as well as individuals with special knowledge handling the artifacts. She explained, "It all takes time and patience."

John asked, "Who will be involved in setting up the new museum? Will the Board have input about what the inside of the building will look like." Kyler referred to the purpose of the Heritage and Historic Preservation Board in Section 15-1521 of the General Ordinances of Kanab. The role of the Board is to give advice to the council, but the final decision comes down to the City Council and the staff who are hired to make those decisions. Kyler hopes that we can all come with an open mind and realize that it is dynamic and will flourish and grow and change over time.

Susan shared Board member's name tags she was asked to prepare to be displayed at each Heritage Board meeting. Kyler will see that Emily receives the name tags.

Susan presented a draft for the proposed monument honoring the all-women city council. The model of the John Wesley Powell monument is being used to design a sign which will closely follow the pattern. Susan is working with Chris Heaton and Iron Rock in designing the monument. Mike Downward's

daughter is doing an internship focused on signage. The goal is for her to work on the project under the direction of Iron Rock staff. Susan commented that it is very fitting for another woman who was born and raised in Kanab be involved in preparing the monument. The proposed location for the monument is on city property on 100 West across the street and slightly south from the John Wesley Powell monument. The next step will be to wait until the final design is completed and then for the Board to make a recommendation to move the proposal forward to the City Council.

Karen asked for input about possibly capturing oral histories from long-term residents of Kanab. John mentioned the City Library has a large selection of written histories. Connie suggested this might be an opportunity for volunteers to help. Karen will provide more information later.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 3, at 5:30 pm.

There being no further business, Susan made a motion, seconded by John that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 pm. Motion carried.