

Work Session, Douglas City Council
January 31, 2019

A Work Session of the Douglas City Council was held on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 N. 4th Street, Douglas, Wyoming. Mayor Kemper called the meeting to order. Those present were:

Mayor and Council: Rene' Kemper, Mayor; Councilmembers John Bartling, Monty Gilbreath, Kim Pexton, and Karl E. Hertz

Others Present: Jonathan Teichert, City Administrator; Karen Rimmer, City Clerk; Mary Nicol, City Treasurer; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; Dennis Switzer, KKTY Radio;

Heidi McCullough and Lee Ann Siebken, Douglas Historic Preservation Commission; Gale Uhlibarri, Converse County Historical Society; and Jody L. Lamp and Melody Dobson, American Doorstep Project

Melody Dobson and Jody Lamp presented for Council an overview of the American Doorstop Project, which was created to preserve America's agriculture history. They gave an in-depth history of their documentary film, *Born to Rein*, (one of their "Legacy Projects") which commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Triple Crown. The film focuses on the Triple Crown; legendary race horse trainers and breeders Marion Van Berg, Jack Van Berg, and John A. Nerud; and Sir Barton, the first Triple Crown winner. Ms. Dobson and Ms. Lamp further explained the connections of this event and these characters with Nebraska, Montana, and Wyoming. Ms. Lamp explained they wanted to bring Sir Barton's story "full circle" in this documentary, from Kentucky to Virginia, then Nebraska, and finally to Douglas, Wyoming. They shared other goals of the project and invited members of the City's team to an event on February 9, 2019, at the Legacy of the Plains Museum in Gering, NE. A spot was offered to the City in the *Born to Rein* public relations materials, one of which is a commemorative guide and maps showing where all of these related features are located. The funds received from the advertising assists in covering the costs of the 84-minute film, which is being promoted and will hopefully be a candidate for a film festival. Coverage of the film will extend to the end of 2020 and will include showings at the upcoming Breeders Cup. Additionally, the film is planned to be broken into marketable shorter films featuring specific characters. Potential grant applications

35 were discussed, as was the fact that *Born to Rein* will be included in the 250-year Anniversary
36 of America in 2026. Council asked additional questions regarding this project and other
37 projects of American Doorstop, and stated that they would make a decision regarding funding
38 and marketing at the February 11, 2019 regular Council meeting. The Work Session was
39 adjourned at 2:15 p.m. **No Council action was taken.**

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Karen Rimmer, City Clerk