

Douglas Historic Preservation Commission

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Board Members: Heidi McCullough, Chair; Spencer Pelton, Secretary; Jacey Bauman; Julia Evins; Betsy Flaherty; Maureen Morgan; Terry Rider; Lee Ann Siebken; and Bill Sinnard
City of Douglas Liaison: Sherri Mullinnix

May 15, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidi McCullough at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Heidi McCullough, Lee Ann Siebken, Terry Rider, Jacey Bauman, and Julia Evins

Members Absent: Betsy Flaherty, Maureen Morgan, Spencer Pelton, and Bill Sinnard

City Liaison: Sherri Mullinnix

Wyoming State Parks: Jenna Thorburn

Rider made a motion and Siebken seconded to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 regular meeting and the April 22, 2019 email vote, regarding submission of a letter to the National Park Service pertaining to changes in the National Register nomination process. Chairman McCullough called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Oral Histories

The list of equipment assembled by McCullough has been ordered, and delivery is expected on May 16 and 20. Approximately \$400 in funding is still available in the current fiscal year. McCullough reminded the Commission of an oral history training available in Gillette on June 8th. The Commission discussed possibly scheduling evening trainings with the new equipment, led by McCullough and Siebken.

Pioneer Cemetery Well

Kenny Simonton was unable to attend the meeting to update the Commission.

Preservation Month

- A plaque of appreciation was presented to Betty Alberts at the May 13th City Council meeting for her work preserving Douglas history through providing obituaries for Park Cemetery burials on *Find A Grave*. The Council was also updated as to Commission activities for the past year.

- Commission members were reminded that Friday, May 17th, is the date the College Inn will be highlighted on the Alliance for Historic Wyoming's Preservation Month Calendar.

- Jenna Thorburn, Wyoming State Parks, requested that the Commission delay the planned open house at Camp Douglas until Fall as the dropped ceiling removal in the main hall has left the ductwork inoperable, which has resulted in the inability to display artifacts until the situation is rectified. Approximately \$4,000 in additional funds are

needed of a total of \$12,000. State Parks would like the open house to be a high profile event, attended by the governor and other state dignitaries once the artifacts can be safely displayed. The long awaited sign for Camp Douglas is under construction. Thorburn also informed the Commission that Steve Horn is the new district supervisor for the three Converse County sites: The Pioneer Museum, Fort Fetterman, and Camp Douglas; and that State Parks is continuing to pursue the establishment of a Friends of Camp Douglas group.

Sir Barton Activities

McCullough advised the Commission that the commemoration activities for Sir Barton will take place on the anniversary of his win, June 11th, with a barbeque and games hosted by Memorial Hospital and additional sponsors in Washington Park to be followed by a presentation including members of the group responsible for creating Sir Barton's final resting place, arranged by the Preservation Commission. A showing of the American Doorstop Project film, *Born to Rein*, highlighting Sir Barton as the first Triple Crown winner, will take place at the Princess Theater following the barbeque. After film parties at the Headstrong Brewery, hosted by the Pioneer Association, and at the College Inn are in the planning stages. Attempts to find sponsors for the film so that admittance can be free are under way. A planter has been constructed around the statue, the road in Washington Park is being renamed "Sir Barton Way", and the 3 picnic shelters are being named after the races: the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont.

3rd Grade Downtown Tours

Morgan is leading the annual tours for the third grade classes of the historic downtown and the Pioneer Cemetery.

New Business

There was no new Business

Adjournment:

Rider made a motion to adjourn and Evins seconded. Chairman McCullough adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2019 at City Hall, at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Mullinnix