

Douglas Historic Preservation Commission

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

February 19, 2020

Members Present: Maureen Morgan, Heidi McCullough, Lee Ann Siebken, Terry Rider, Jacey Bauman, Bill Sinnard.

Members Absent: Julia Evans, Spencer Pelton

Guests present: Tione Willox

Meeting was called to order by Chairman McCullough at 5:15pm. Minutes from January 15, 2020 were reviewed, and it was moved by Jacey Bauman that they be approved, seconded by Bill Sinnard, motion passed 7-0.

Old Business-

- Oral history project update: Melody Dobson from the American Doorstop project reported to Heidi that the oral histories have been recorded and are waiting to be edited. They are waiting on funds to do the editing and are needing \$5,000 dollars in order to add them to the DVD as an extra feature. We requested a copy of the unedited version, as we would prefer to have the interview in its entirety. Melody will be contacting Heidi next week to make arrangements. Lee Ann reported that she contacted Dorothy Taylor and she is willing to sit with us and do an oral history about her time at Camp Douglas. We don't want her trying to come into town on bad roads, so will put off setting this up until the weather improves. Additional interviewees are "snowbirds" and will be contacted when they return in the spring.

New Business-

- Camp Douglas: Tione Willox was a guest and spoke on Camp Douglas. Construction and HVAC work is complete, exhibits and displays are being moved back in. They are planning a "Grand Re-Opening" on June 5th from 4-6pm. A request was made that we help with this event, possibly provide the food, including cake, tea, lemonade, fruit and vegetable trays. An additional request was made that members of the Commission act as ambassadors and be available during the event to give "tours" and answer questions any guests may have. They are sending invitations to our Governor and Representatives and other dignitaries around the state. Willox also reported on the formation of a "Friends of Camp Douglas" group for fundraising and general help at the Camp. They will be scheduling a planning meeting next month and will let us know the time and date of that meeting. Aside from the friends' group, one of their largest needs is volunteers to sit at the camp

during the summer operating hours. They have limited staff, and volunteers are the only way they can keep it open.

- New Projects: Projects for the Commission to take on over the next year, and related costs that would need to be put into budget requests were discussed:
 - 1) Interpretive signage at the trail at the Pioneer Cemetery: Spencer and Heidi have been in touch with the Trail Center in Casper. They are very enthusiastic about helping with the project. They periodically do a trek to this location as it is an easy and public access to the trail. It is the California trail. Types of signs were discussed.
 - 2) Interpretive signage at the Sir Barton statue was also discussed as a follow-up to the work done there for the centennial celebration last summer.
 - 3) It was also suggested that we take on the project of a picnic/playground area at Camp Douglas.

- Training Log: The training log to keep track of members who have completed online YouTube trainings was passed around. Some members are working on it, but none have completed a training yet.

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Rider, seconded by Jacey Bauman, passed 7-0.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:10pm

Heidi McCullough