

**MINUTES**  
**JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION**  
August 4, 2020

**Attended:** Co-chair Patrick Tuttle, Paula Callihan, Barbara Hogelin, Hon Diane Reid Adams, Susan Adams (via phone), Betty Smith (via phone), Dr. Chad Stebbins, Ann Leach and Chris Wiseman (via phone)

**Absent:** Co-chair Brad Belk, Sec. Jill Sullivan, Paula Baker, Wally Bloss, Emily Frankoski, Dr. Tracy Godfrey, Lori Haun, Christina Matekel-Gibson, Dr Kerry Sachetta, Dr. Chad Stebbins, and Annaliese Vorhees

**Guests:** None

**Location:** 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Study, Joplin City Hall

I. Co-chair Tuttle called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. **Approve of June 2020 Minutes:**

Ms. Hogelin made a motion to accept the June 2020 minutes, seconded by Ms. Callihan, unanimously approved -- 7 in favor, 0 against, 11 absent.

III. **Update on the Heritage Trail markers:**

Dr. Stebbins updated the group that the Heritage Marker committee was planning a site visit to determine locations for the first 5-6 markers. He added that Mr. Belk has spoken with Ms. Christina Williams about helping with the marker design and layout. Mr. Tuttle suggested having six (storyboard and artwork) ready so as funding is secured, they can be produced.

Mr. Tuttle also mentioned he was trying to reach the new chief for the Osage Nation to see their interest in helping with the native heritage marker (story, photos and funding).

IV. **Update on Bicentennial events:**

Mr. Tuttle reported having has a conversation with state director Sweeney. Their committee is fully staffed, and they have hired an event coordinator, Donna English who would be arranging the exhibits that will be touring the State. The photo, art and quilt exhibits are still being planned for Joplin. Dates and locations still need to be worked through. Ms. Smith mention Sonie' Ruffin who is from Joplin and authored a quilt history. Sonie is already involved with Spiva and an exhibit in connection with the 2021 Charles McPherson homecoming. Additionally, the Charles McPherson homecoming and concerts series have been sanctioned by the Bicentennial committee.

V. **Joplin Sesquicentennial Steering Committees:**

The group reviewed a list of Steering Committee titles. A portion of the list came from the notes from the 1973 Centennial committee. Nothing was finalized.

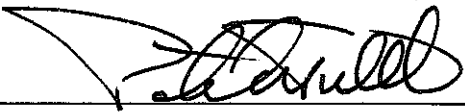
**VI. Iris Community Gardens and Cookie Cutter:**

Ms. Hogelin stated that the prototype of the Iris Cookie Cutter was complete and that the first order of 100 have been ordered. They should be in before the next commission meeting. The CVB funded this first order which could be used as a fundraiser. It was discussed about selling them for \$10 each.

Councilwoman Reid-Adams, with Ms. Hogelin and Callihan planned to attend the Iris Society's upcoming meeting and more formulate a plan for the community gardens. They will work with the school and hospital locations, plus City park areas.

VII. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Stebbins, second by Ms. Callihan, time 4:55

  
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Jill Sullivan, Secretary

  
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Patrick Tuttle or Brad Belk, Co-chairs