

Historic Committee Minutes October 17, 2017

Those members present were Nancy Harris, Barbara Pacheco, Pat Ferguson, Wanda Gilmore, Debbie Coleman, Patty Waters, Carole Gonzalez, Ken Bell.

Also present were Mayor Bruce Armstrong, Allena Kates from MYLC, Community Relations Coordinator Ginger Cullen, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Rose Corby.

Waters called the meeting of the Historic Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The first item of business was the meeting minutes of September 19, 2017

Motion by Harris

Second by Ferguson

To accept the minutes with corrections: Visitor names.

All yeas

Motion carried

Under Old Business

Chapel – Mayor Armstrong explained to the committee the costs associated with moving the Chapel. He stated that to move the church it would cost a little more than \$94,000 and provided a breakdown of the costs with large portions going to the mover, parking lot, and the dropping of the power lines. He continued and explained to the committee the costs of purchasing and moving the Rock Island Caboose and suggests that what the committee planned to put towards the caboose be applied to the chapel instead. Patty suggested that the parishioners of the church at this time had planned to tear the church down and that it would cost them to tear it down, maybe we can get them to split some of the costs to move the church. Patty asked who would talk with them about this. Mayor Armstrong said he would. Mayor Armstrong stated that the city checked for asbestos and it was determined there was no asbestos. Carole had concerns in regards to the community not wanting a church because weddings would be done in the church the citizen is a member of instead. Discussion followed and it was explained that not everyone attends a church but those who want a wedding in a church would have this option. Discussion continued. Patty Waters stated that this church would further complete the vision of the committee for the Historic District. Ginger Cullen explained that there is something to be said about the building being antique and taking people back in time. She explained that the classic and vintage artistic quality of the church would be very attractive to many people. Discussion continued about what the church would be used for: weddings, funerals, club meetings, choir practice and other events. Nancy asked where the money was going to come from. Mayor Armstrong said Capital Improvements. Debbie mentioned that when they were first starting to talk about it they discussed a small chapel at a nearby cemetery but they decided that it was cost prohibitive to build it but can we do something like that. Mayor Armstrong answered with can we find something smaller or can you build something similar. He explained that this historic church is close to what the original Methodist Church looked like. The steeple is on the side rather than in the front but it is close to the same. Wanda stated that to build one would it really be any cheaper. Discussion continued and Rose stated that this Historic Church would never be listed as a Historic Structure due to it not being in its original location in the first place but that the Committee could designate the church as a historical building in the City of Haysville. Discussion continued including Mayor Armstrong mentioning the costs of repairs and remodeling of the bathroom to ADA requirements are included in the \$94,000 costs. Discussion continued in regards to the cost and Mayor Armstrong explained that if the Committee waited there was no guarantee they would find another church cheaper. Ken stated there is no question that this is a significant expense but that it is an

extraordinary opportunity to fill a hole in the village that matches the historical vision that was the impetus behind it in the first place and that he believes this is the best opportunity to get one. It was agreed that the location of the Church in the Historic District being south of the library was ideal especially with its proximity to the Community building for weddings and funerals. Discussion continued to include creating a huge gathering that should be planned for its grand opening.

Motion by Coleman

Second by Gilmore

To move forward with moving the Sacred Heart Catholic Church from Cunningham, KS to the W.W. Hays Historic Village Park.

Harris yea, Pacheco yea, Ferguson yea, Gilmore yea, Coleman yea, Waters yea, Gonzalez nay.

Motion carried

Motion by Harris

Second by Coleman

To apply \$15,000 from the Historic Committees available funds to the cost of moving the Historic Sacred Heart Catholic Church from Cunningham, KS to the W.W. Hays Historic Village.

Harris yea, Pacheco yea, Ferguson yea, Gilmore yea, Coleman yea, Waters yea, Gonzalez nay.

Motion carried

Veteran's Memorial – Mayor explained that the city will be building a Veteran's Memorial and the original plan was to have it built north of the Vicker's building but that the VFW does not agree with this location and has asked that the Historic District be considered as a possible locations because they believe it is more visible in this location. The location is the empty lot on the southeast corner of E. Grand Ave. and S. Main St. Mayor continued to explain that the VFW does not believe there is enough parking at the Vicker's building but that there would be in the Historic District. He also explained that the land may not be big enough for the existing 40' diameter memorial plans but that it could be reduced in size. Nancy, stated that she believes the Veteran's Memorial is that she believes it would bring more people to the Historic District whereas the Market Place only draws people three months out of the year. Discussion continued and they committee would like to see the memorial plans.

Motion by Gonzalez

Second by Ferguson

To approve the Veteran's Memorial be placed in the Historic District on the lot legally described as BEG 50 FT S & 679.17 FT E NW COR NW1/4 W 33.96 FT S 3.26 FT SWLY ALG CUR 142.09 FT E 8.9 FT S 40 FT E 80FT N 170 FT TO BEG SEC 5-29-1E EXEMPT NO. 91-12852-TX.

Harris yea, Pacheco yea, Ferguson yea, Gilmore yea, Coleman yea, Waters yea, Gonzalez yea.

Motion carried

Flea Market – Mayor explained that the Market Place was very successful this year with someone working it but that this success was only during three months of this year. He explained that Flea Markets are truly good attractions in bringing people in as long as the items being sold are not low quality items. Rose added that she has done some research in Flea Markets and that what she has found is that they will generally be great draws not only for local people but also for people coming in from out of town. She did explain that in Flea Markets in larger cities like New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles have some problems with vendors selling illegal items but generally with smaller Flea Markets they are very successful. Discussion continued and Mayor has asked the committee to discuss this topic at greater length and that right now it is just an idea to kick around

and that there is no deadline for a decision. Ginger Cullen added that it might be a good idea to go other Flea Markets and consider recruiting some of the vendors with a free first time and if they like it then they could have a much more reasonable rate for the rest of the year.

Village Christmas – Ginger Cullen, Community Relations Coordinator explained to the committee that she believes we could do a better job with letting people know the Historic Committee and Historic District are there. She stated that with Mayor's Little Helpers (MYLC) there is an opportunity to do more with the Grab Bags. She suggested that the Historic Logo be placed on key items for the Grab Bags and that the items are not the inexpensive items that have been done in the past. She explained two goals: Sell 500 this year and she believes it is possible and the second be recognition of the Historic Committee's name with their cause of raising funds to help with restoration efforts and future planning. She is recommending the bags be sold in multiple places during Village Christmas instead of the traditional one location and to utilize Mayor's Little Helpers who can help sell them. She is also recommending signage and advertising in the program. She also stated that she would like to help promote Village Christmas and the grab bags through Hello Haysville, the cities Facebook page and other media including a press release. She also stated that the MYLC kids explained during their interviews that they usually get their information is through the walls in the hallways of Campus High School. She indicated the items that she believes would be ideal for the Grab Bags to include: a bag with the Historic logo and Village Christmas but not the year, a coloring book and set of crayons with the logo, a color changing cup with the logo, and a sheet of stickers with the logo. She explained that to get enough of these items for 500 bags it would cost \$1,500. Nancy asked about prize items in some of the Grab Bags and wanted to know if we would still do this. Rose explained that she has already been given six (6) \$5.00 gift card items from La Pasadita and that we would still do that. It was suggested that we up the amount of the prize in a Grab Bag that would cost more but still do the \$1.00 Grab Bags with smaller prizes. Discussion continued.

Motion by Gonzalez

Second by Ferguson

To approve spending \$1,500 on Grab Bag items for Village Christmas with the Historic logo and Village Christmas and sell them for \$3.00 a piece and possibly 2 for \$5.00.

Harris yea, Pacheco yea, Ferguson yea, Gilmore abstain, Coleman yea, Waters yea, Gonzalez yea.

Motion carried

Gathering at the Gazebo – Rose provided a report to the Committee of the results from the event. She said there were 70 attendees which may be slightly more than last year. She reported that there was limited advertising but believes that increasing the advertising next year is key to increasing the attendance. Discussion followed including the Masonic Lodge stating they would like to cook for the event next year and a couple of complaints about the bass being a bit too loud with the second band.

Market Place – Rose provided a brief report as time was being limited. She stated that the Market Manager did a great job and helped increase attendance in the Market Place with a count of 3,195 people for the season. Rose continued with the Market Manager's report which stated that advertising needed to be consistent and more of it needs to happen. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the Market Place was a huge success for the 2017 season.

Village Christmas – Rose provided an update on the plans for Village Christmas. She stated that Pat's Concession will be at the event as indicated by Georgie who got the go ahead from Mayor Armstrong and Will. Rob from the HAC has confirmed the Candy Cane Dash to be held at 5:00 pm, the Masonic Lodge has confirmed but are looking at pricing and that we can use their building for the Silent Auction, still looking for carolers but have talked with Councilman Rardin about the River Church choir performing in the Gazebo and have a small group walking around, horse rides with TJ

are confirmed (weather permitting), Blacksmith Shop confirmed and will be making nails for the kids, Library confirmed with the train display, hot cider, and possible Christmas stories with Betty Cattrel, Horse drawn carriage ride is confirmed but that we only have one at this time. Country Boys is looking to secure a second carriage and the cost for each carriage is \$450.00. Tom Gibson has confirmed mc'ing the lighting ceremony and getting the fire truck to bring Santa to the event. Councilman Rardin will play Santa and has been confirmed. Waiting on a phone call back from Angel who did the Pictures with Santa last year and waiting on Elsa to confirm whether or not she can read stories in the Wire House or be the back-up at the library if Betty Cattrel is unable to read the stories. K & A has confirmed cleaning of the Community building. Georgie will pick up the items needed from Sam's and Rose will provide her a list. Grab Bags were already discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting. Discussion followed including the Committee agreeing to work together to get the Grab Bags made and that serving hot cider was not needed since the Friends of the Library will be serving it and Pat's Concession would be serving it.

The Committee agreed to meet at the Historic District on November 27, 2017 to get the buildings ready for Village Christmas.

Motion by Gonzalez

Second by Harris

To approve adjournment

Harris yea, Pacheco yea, Ferguson yea, Gilmore yea, Coleman yea, Waters yea, Gonzalez yea.

Motion carried