

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023, 6:00 pm

Providence City Office Building, 164 North Gateway Dr., Providence Ut

Call to Order: Howard Christenson

Chair Roll Call of Commission Members: Gail Trowbridge, Pat Perry, Howard Christenson, Wes Bitters & Gordon Allred.

Pledge of Allegiance: Gordon Allred.

Approval of Minutes: The Historic Preservation Commission will consider approval of the minutes for October 4th, 2023. [\(MINUTES\)](#)

- Howard Christenson called for the approval of the minutes.
- No corrections were made.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 4th – Pat Perry. 2nd- Wes Bitters.

Vote:

Yea- Gail Trowbridge, Pat Perry, Howard Christenson, Wes Bitters & Gordon Allred.

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent-

Motion passes, minutes approved.

Item No. 1: Railroad plaque at Zollinger Park: The Historic Preservation Commission will discuss and give an update on the reinstallation of the railroad plaque at Zollinger park.

- Howard Christenson called item 1 and gave an update on the railroad plaque at Zollinger Park.
- Reported that the railroad plaque, which was removed during the walkway or trail construction through Zollinger Park, has been reinstalled and turned to face the sidewalk instead of the parking lot.
- Commented that Brian Olson's brother, had dug up some railroad tracks in Millville and had brought some pieces of the tracks to Howard. The idea is to use them with the railroad plaque and put them on the sides of the pad so that they would be straddling the concrete pad.
- Howard indicated that he would clean the tracks and move forward with getting them placed. The parties agreed it would be a great idea and agreed to move forward.

Item No. 2: Continued discussion of the farming and forgotten fruit way historic plaques: The Historic Preservation Commission will discuss and may take action on further development on the farming and forgotten fruit way historic plaques.

- Howard Christenson called item 2 and gave an update on the new plaques.
- Howard indicated that the pads have been poured for the two new plaques and that he had the Farming plaque ready to go but that there was an issue with the Forgotten Fruit Way plaque. Apparently, the supplier never received the order. Howard confirmed that it was ordered when the Farming one was

ordered. The supplier verified that it was and apologized for missing it. The Fruit Way plaque has been created and is on its way.

- Parties discussed if they could move forward with the order of two new pedestals. Staff responded the due to the plaques costing more money this time, due to inflation, that the Historic Preservation Commission would need to wait until the next budget year.
 - Parties talked about when to set up the new plaques. The parties indicated that they could do the plaque at Hampshire Park anytime as it was right by the parking lot and that they just needed good weather. The other plaque would most likely need to wait till spring.
 - Parties discussed getting help from the city or Youth Council to help set the plaque at Hampshire Park.
 - Parties commented on the process and what it takes to get those plaques installed.
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- Wes Bitters brought to the attention of the Commission a write-up about the City's Bazaar. Commented that the original bazaar event had started in the 1920s and continued to be a significant event in the 1950s. The bazaar consisted of over 3000 meals served on two consecutive weekends, attracting people from Idaho and Salt Lake. The event was a big affair, with hundreds of people coming to enjoy the food and the atmosphere.
 - Mr. Bitters. suggested that the monument at the Old Rock Church, behind the park bench, could be a suitable location for the bazaar plaque if they decided to move forward. Recommends that the bazaar be approved for a future plaque, with the three pictures included if there is enough room. The Providence School was the venue for the bazaar event and parties suggested the caption be reworded to include the location or reference the school.
 - Parties discussed what the event included and what it meant to people in the town. Parties discussed some of the memories they had of the event.
 - The parties agreed to move forward with the construction of a bazaar plaque when they have the funds to do so.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. – Wes Bitters. 2nd – Gail Trowbridge.

Vote:

Yea- Gail Trowbridge, Pat Perry, Howard Christenson, Wes Bitters & Gordon Allred.

Nay-

Abstained-

Absent-

Motion passes, meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on ____ day of _____ 2024.

Howard Christenson, Chair

Ty Cameron, City Recorder