JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Barbara Hogelin, Diane Reid Adams, Wally Bloss, Jud Fischer, Chad Stebbins, Patrick Tuttle, Rikki Smith, Holly Crane, Brad Belk, Kerry Sachetta, Jill Halbach, Stacey Molinaro, Chris Wiseman, and Paula Callihan

I. Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle

II. General Discussion

- a. Joplin's 151st Birthday - March 23, 2024 - Celebration at Spiva Park at 10 am
- b. Updates on Route 66 Centennial Planning
  - i. Patrick on a speaking tour of the counties on the Route.
  - ii. Planning meeting in Joplin happening face-to-face.
  - iii. Creating a Route 66 Centennial Map. Content will include the Tri-State Mining District and the three counties. Photos are needed.
- c. Heritage Trail Markers
  - i. New signs installed at Spiva Park.
  - ii. Plans for more signs in 2024 - potentially six this year.
- d. 2024 Events
  - i. Currently looking at 2025, 2026, and 2027
    1. Look at calendars for standing events into Route 66 or USA 250 celebrations. Helps with tourism planning, funding, and sponsors.
  - ii. Iris event moved up to April 27
  - iii. Heartland Band Concerts
    1. June 2024 - Thursdays (6, 13, and 20).
    2. Saturday, June 22, Community Band Concert, and outdoor picnic.
  - iv. Route 66 Goes to the Movies conceptualized. Sub Committee Created. Single Card Passport suggested. Locations mentioned: Bookhouse, Drive-In, Museum (Schifferdecker pool), Webb City Theater, Outdoors, Fox).

III. Jefferson Highway - looking for the actual route through Joplin

IV. Meeting Adjourned

The next scheduled meeting will be on April 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall, 5th Floor.

Approved: _____
Rikki Smith, Secretary

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Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair