JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor, Study

Attendees: Co-chair Patrick Tuttle, Wally Bloss, Paula Callihan, Kristina Kosiorek, Paige Mock, Lauren Evans, and Jud Fisher

I. Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle

II. Minutes from the March 2025 meeting were approved. Mr. Fisher motioned to accept, and Ms. Callihan seconded. The vote was unanimous.

III. General Discussion

1) Route 66 Centennial Events (2026)

a. City of Joplin Birthday

Mr. Tuttle recapped the March 17 City Council meeting presentations for Joplin's birthday and the anniversary of city hall having occupied the Newman Building for 20 years.

b. New Mural Unveiling and Mr. Wallis Lecture

Most of the discussion involved reviewing the schedule of events, the guest list, and arranging volunteers for the R*oute 66 Tri-state Corridor* mural unveiling on April 4.

Similar arrangements were also discussed for Michael Wallis' lecture that evening, which was hosted by the Joplin Historical Society and Visit Joplin in Corley Auditorium on the MSSU campus.

2) Heritage Trail Markers

Mr. Tuttle informed the commission that the next seven Heritage Trail Markers will focus on the five that tell the history of Ewert Park, and the other two will be for the Newton and Jasper County namesakes.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 4:45.

Approved: _____

Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair