Joplin Celebrations Commission
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Location: Joplin Museum Complex

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Dr. Godfrey made motion to approve August minutes; Dr. Stebbins seconded; unanimous approval

Celebrations in 2021 – Brad Belk

- 4 Celebrations in 2021 (see handout)
  - Met with Chad and Paula C about placing a monument in Landreth for the Monet/Sergeant strike. How to commemorate this spot? They came up with three ideas:
    1. series of historical trail signs, beginning with pre-history, swing into the early settlers and the strike, then the creation of Murphysburg and Joplin, touch on KC bottoms, history of Landreth. Mineral, and Dover Hill - long trail for the storyboards
    2. second idea, mining equipment/apparatus on site to tell the story of our mining past
    3. sculpture piece of Sergeant and Moffet

Brad mentioned these are just ideas, let's get younger people and others involved in the conversation. Brad said they welcome conversation about what you like and don't like and asked if they missed anything.

It was mentioned that perhaps a statue of Patrick Murphy and John Cox shaking hands would be appropriate.

Discussion about which year to do this took place. Jill said she thought it a lofty goal for completion in 2020. Ms. Betty said we need to be careful about putting Murphysburg ahead of the original history of Joplin because it came afterward. Perhaps in 2021, celebrate Joplin (original, East Town) in July, Murphysburg in September, and then a celebration about the two coming together in 2023.

Discussion about where to place these storyboard signs.

McPherson Project

Patrick asked Jill to discuss the McPherson project. The gist is several organizations are coming together to bring Mr. McPherson to Joplin for Black History Month 2021. He will do a public performance, a master class, and a ticketed fundraiser performance. Also, a mural might be dedicated in his honor during his visit.

Branding and Logos

Discussion about branding/logos (based on handout provided by Patrick): Ms. Betty said the seals with the years make more sense because then we wouldn't have to tell people what the years mean, they would know. Further discussion about how using numbers rather than words would democratize access. Dr. Stebbins asked whether we should incorporate the picks. The iris is preferred to the butterfly. Patrick brought up having one thing on one side and another thing on the other side. Brad recommends one pick

and one shovel. The Globe will have another go at it. We like #10. We like the idea of moving the stars in between the dates.

Brainstorm 150 Things to do During 2023

- 150 firsts
- plant 150 iris bulbs
- reading 150 books (as a group or 150 minutes if it's an individual)
- scavenger hunt with 150
- 150 something or other for the humane society
- 150 photos of Joplin through the years
- students: what Joplin means to you in 150 words
- 150 stories
- 150 minerals, 150 of something to do with the museum
- 150 things to see on the trails
- 150 things to do in Joplin: visit the parks
- 150 namesakes
- passport with 150 destinations, get a stamp in your passport at each place
- 150 minutes of Joplin history
- 150 pieces of kids art (Spiva)
- 150 Veterans
- 150 Seniors
- 150 Miles (runs/walks)
- 150 minutes of Percy (Dr. Stebbins suggested doing something with Percy Wenrich with a lecture by Brad and the orchestra.)

Merchandising

Further discussion on merchandise and ideas: Joplin trivia, Joplin Jeopardy, Coloring book (part of the Coloring JOMO Series), Community picnic (maybe have ppl bring their own food and provide some sort of entertainment)

Time-frame for Joplin's 150th

- September 2022-September 2023, as unanimously approved during the August 6, 2019 meeting.
- Focus on March – July 2023

Adjournment

- Susan Adams made motion to adjourn; seconded by Paula Callihan; unanimous approval

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Approved: _____
Jill Sullivan, Secretary

Approved: _____
Brad Belk or Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chairs