JOPLIN CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 4pm
Location: Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor

Attended: Patrick Tuttle, Wally Bloss, Paula Callihan, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, Barbara Hogelin, Rikki Smith, and Jill Halbach

Guests: Bobby Gray, Association of Tristate Barber Shoppers; Kathy Knapp, Joplin Area Town and Country Quilters.

I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Tuttle**

II. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. Approval of September 2022 minutes – Motion made by Mr. Bloss and seconded by Ms. Callihan, unanimous approval.

III. **Ragtime logo:** Mr. Tuttle had copies of the ragtime logo and asked for feedback from the Commission. Mr. Tuttle said that he'll ask Rodney (Visit Joplin's graphic designer) to add a barbershop flair to the logo for a t-shirt for students who participate in the clinic. Also, that Rodney will next work on the logo for the Joplin Goes to the Movies series.

IV. **Barbershop event:** Mr. Tuttle, Mr. Gray, and others are organizing the barbershop clinic. The head clinician is Dr. Jim Henry, head of choral studies at the St. Louis University. Other clinicians will teach quartets, with two of the best in the world being here for the clinic on 4/14. Dr. Henry is composing arrangements that will incorporate ragtime and barbershop. They hope to have a 200-300 person ensemble for the finale, made up of area barber shoppers and any citizens/musicians that would like to participate. They have formally established a scholarship endowment at MSSU, with the barber shoppers contributing $5,000; fund raising is ongoing.

V. **March 23, 2023 celebration:** Mr. Tuttle said that nothing is committed, but things are in the works. Hopefully, the quilt from the Joplin Area Town and Country Quilters will be on display at City Hall by this time. It's a sampler quilt; 36 people are each making a block. They will use red, white, and blues from the Joplin and

American flag on a a white background. Also, discussion about how Joplin doesn't have a venue large enough for a quilt show.

VI. **Joplin Goes to the Movies:** The Committee is still working on the availability of the films and placing each with the best location. Mr. Tuttle spoke to the folks who own the Route 66 Drive-in and they said they have to have a specific format and it would have to be the second showing in a double feature. Missouri Eagle has agreed to sponsor the film series for $1,000.

VII. **Community concert:** Mr. Bloss, Ms. Rikki Smith, and Mr. Tuttle had a meeting and landed on the first weekend of June 2023, 1st-3rd, for the community concert. The 150k budget is for entertainment only. They are working on funding funding to proceed. We have to have 40k to pay for the stage production part of it. It will be at Landreth Park, which can handle about 90k people. Food trucks, beer garden, art vendors? Projects for kids, etc. Discussion about it being FREE and having a VIP area and VIP parking. How many food trucks can fit at the park? 6 on the pedestals, but 9 if they don't use them. Perhaps line both sides of the trail behind the pavilion with vendors; they pay for tents and power if they want it. Further discussion – and help – needed.

VIII. **Irises:** On 10/11, speaking to the American Association for the University Women. Now is the time of year to trim irises and they should be trimmed 6"-8" tall. The best of the rhizomes went to the Early Childhood Development Center; turns out that somebody came in and said she was a master gardener and they hadn't been planted right, they were dug up and replanted and nobody made tags (so now we don't know what's what) and everything is all mixed up. Ms. Hogelin and Dr. Reid Adams trimmed them down and cleaned out the beds. Discussion about how on the tour through Murphysburg, maybe people could be in period dress? Something needs to go on the website about the tour and a way for people to submit their properties as part of the tour, by March 1st; they will need money for cookies, punch, maps, coloring pages for the event on May 13th from 10am-2pm at the museum.

IX. **Cox homestead:** Ms. Rikki Smith said the cemetery is clear other than two plots and another area that's about 20x30 paces. The gate is unlocked if you want to visit. She talked to the owners about having something on the lawn. Discussion about displaying some Cox family artifacts, such as Mr. Cox's top hat and his cane. Maybe have it open during the Missouri Preservation conference (June 7th-9th 2023)?

X. **Baseball:** No update, though things are on track. Ms. Halbach will find out if the historic property sign at the stadium was corrected/updated.

XI. **Merch & Marketing:** Mr. Tuttle spoke with a woman about doing some social media work for us. We need to create a brochure that includes the merchandise, as well as update the website.

a. Discussion about Will Davis, who owns Ten Four Creations, and would like to use our licensing. The commission decided to approve his use of the licensing, with a

motion made by Ms. Hogelin and seconded by Ms. Callihan. Unanimous approval.

XII. **Sponsorships:** Discussion about Freeman Health System sponsoring the community concert.

XIII. **Announcements:**

a. Pro Musica presents Public Quartet on 10/13 at First Presbyterian Church

b. Gay Cragin found the script that her dad wrote and is looking for someone to produce it

XIV. **Meeting Adjourned**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 4pm in City Hall, 5th Floor.

Approved: _____
Jill Halbach, Secretary

Approved: _____
Patrick Tuttle, Co-Chair