

MINUTES
Historic Commission Minutes
August 18, 2021
Leawood City Hall and via Zoom

Present: April Bishop, Janet O’Neal, Clara Van Draska, Alice Hawk, Rick Hadel, Jim Huxtable, Council Liaison Jim Rawlings and Staff Liaison Holly York.

April Bishop called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Minutes

Alice Hawk moved and Janet O’Neal seconded the motion for approval of the minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting. All approved.

Finance Report

Alice Hawk reported the financial report is unchanged.

Old Business

Linwood Cemetery

The DBA’s Day of Service will be in October to clean the cemetery and headstones. April will send a reminder closer to the event.

Interviews

Jim Huxtable spoke to a friend who used to live at the farmhouse, which used to be a dairy farm, adjacent to Leawood Presbyterian Church. The church now owns the farmhouse. Rick Hadel will contact Ryan Kapple, Lead Pastor for Leawood Presbyterian Church, for more historic information.

Alice Hawk interviewed Everett Mealman and is finalizing the document.

April requested that if anyone knows a long time Leawood resident, to put her in contact with them for a potential oral history interview.

Historic Oxford Schoolhouse

April will get information from Beverly for the plaque at the Oxford Schoolhouse. She is looking at other City plaques and will narrow down the information for the Oxford Schoolhouse plaque.

75th Anniversary Celebration

No new information about this event.

NEW BUSINESS

Johnson County Kansas Heritage Foundation Gala

April discussed the JCKHF’s goal to raise \$50,000 by hosting a gala. If affiliate members come together to sell tickets, the goal should be attainable. The Kansas City Auction Angels will be coordinating the gala. The Historic Commission should purchase ten tickets at \$150 each. The gala is planned to be around April 21st or April 28th at Bourgmont Winery. The Commission needs to provide ten items with a value of \$50 each for the auction. April stated that most of the affiliates will participate in the gala. This is the first fundraising event for JCKHF.

The organization has provided grants for historic projects in Leawood. If fundraising goals are not met, the affiliate members are still responsible for paying their portion of the KC Auction Angels fees. April reported that 40% of the earnings will be divided up and evenly distributed to the participating affiliate members.

Alice made a motion that the Leawood Historic Commission participate in the JCKHF gala. Clara seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention by Rick Hadel.

96th and Lee Report

Jim Rawlings reported that Staff is working with the contractor on the new Fire Station #1. They hope to break ground in October. Construction should take a year. Plans will be made for the rest of the property once the new fire station is completed.

Upcoming Events

Holly York reported the following:

- 1,2,3 Andres will perform at Ironwoods Park on August 20th at 6:00P.M. There will be a ribbon-making activity available for the children.
- Pablo Sanhueza and the KC Latin Jazz Orchestra will perform at Leawood City Hall Amp from 6:30-7:30 PM on August 27.
- The Little Rascals movie has been rescheduled for September 24th at 7:30 PM.
- The dedication of Rita Blitt's *Inspiration* is on Friday, September 10th at 11:30 AM in the in the Council Chambers.
- The Oxford Schoolhouse has switched to fall hours; Saturdays from 11 AM to 2 PM.
- The Oxford Schoolhouse Docent fall schedule sign up is August 19th.
- Into the Night Fall Festival is October 1st from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at Ironwoods Park.
- Puzzle Palooza will be on Sunday, November 14th from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Lodge.
- Holiday Traditions on the Prairie is planned in conjunction with Breakfast with Santa on December 4th.

April Bishop reported the following:

- The Leawood Stage Company held auditions for the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Performances will be at Avila University November 4-6 and 11-13 at 7:30PM and November 7 and 14 at 2:00PM.
- Chief Troy Rettig is retiring from the Leawood Police department and April will interview him before he retires.
- April suggested visiting the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center or the World War I Museum to see examples of their interpretative exhibitions.

Alice Hawk, Jim Huxtable, and Rick Hadel suggested waiting until the beginning of 2022 for the next meeting. April will work with Holly to schedule a date.

The next meeting is TBD

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Submitted by: Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor