

1 Providence Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
2 November 16, 2010  
3 6:00 p.m.

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5 THOSE ATTENDING: Carol Nyman, Jay Hicken, Alma Leonhardt, Kaye Lyn Harris,  
6 Karl Seethaler, Hoyt Kelley

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8 OTHERS: Dale Astle, Don Calderwood, Kris Kvordfort, Kevin Opsahl-from the Herald  
9 Journal

10 Minutes taken by Brenda Nelson

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12 MOTION to approve minutes of October 19, 2010 by J. Hicken Second by A.  
13 Leonhardt. All in favor

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15 **Item 1. Update on signs in Historic District**

16 J. Hicken reported that he had taken pictures of the different entrances to the City where  
17 signs could be placed. There are 7 entrances to the city that had been marked on a map as  
18 possibilities. B. Nelson asked about the entrance on 300 South. It had not been marked  
19 and was added as the 8<sup>th</sup> possibility. Each member got a map to review and made  
20 recommendations. Is it more important to have the signs as they enter the District or as  
21 they enter the City? We only have funding for four signs but could ask for additional  
22 funding next year and add four more signs.

23 After discussion, the consensus was to put 1) on the 200 West road from Millville about  
24 500 South; 2) at 200 West and 100 North near the Veterans Monument; 3) at 100 West  
25 and 200 North – on the lower road from River Heights; and 4) at 300 South near 200  
26 West. There was discussion about putting one on Canyon Road and 100 East near Dave  
27 Davis's home (about 450 South). J. Hicken will check to see how close we can get to  
28 200 West going east on 300 South. There may not be enough room to place a sign  
29 because of the canal and asphaltting right up to the sidewalk near the intersection. J.  
30 Hicken will report back, and if it is possible to put a sign there, we will. If not, it will go  
31 on 100 East and Canyon Road near 450 South as discussed.

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33 **Item 2. Report by Jay Hicken on workshop for historic home owners**

34 J. Hicken explained that he had attended a workshop in Murray last month for owners of  
35 historic buildings. The workshop was sponsored by the Murray History Advisory Board.  
36 Guest speakers were Don Hartley of the Division of State History, and Robert Young, a  
37 professor of architecture at University of Utah.

38 J. Hicken felt it was very worthwhile. They discussed renovation materials, tax credits,  
39 energy efficiency, seismic issues and much more.

40 J. Hicken asked the group if this Commission would consider presenting a similar  
41 workshop for our area. He showed some of the materials that Murray had put together  
42 about their historic district. They had a video on the Murray smelters; a book called  
43 *Between the Cottonwoods*, on how Murray transitioned from a rural town to a bustling  
44 city – this included a children's workbook that could be used in schools explaining the  
45 history in a simpler manner; a booklet called *The History Spotters' Guide – a walking*  
46 *tour of Murray's Historic Business District'* and a *Murray History Inventory* – a booklet

1 showing historic homes with a short history of owners, and interesting facts about each  
2 one.

3 J. Hicken wondered if we would like to develop information and activities to educate  
4 children and adults about the history of Providence. He suggested creating a DVD about  
5 the history of the lime quarry in Providence Canyon. He spoke to Dick Sackett of  
6 Johnsons Construction, and they had actually hoped to do something like this someday  
7 but never got to it. D. Sackett seemed interested in helping us put together something on  
8 the quarry. J. Hicken felt that we could take a presentation to the school children. The  
9 quarry had a tremendous affect on this town and its people. D. Astle noted that there are  
10 two levels of people here – those who have lived here their whole lives, and those who  
11 are just moving here and are unfamiliar with the history. We need to bridge the gap  
12 between these two groups. We could present this to Boy Scout groups or other groups.  
13 K. Seethaler wondered if we could get Don Hartley, from the Division of State History,  
14 to come talk to us about other possibilities.

15 H. Kelley stated that he and Carol Nyman would like to get family histories of people  
16 who had lived here a long time. We could create an archive of family histories that  
17 would be priceless. Volunteers would be needed, but shouldn't be hard to round up. A.  
18 Leonhardt suggested using Bob Parson at the Special Collections at USU to see what they  
19 already had on hand. C. Nyman was very interested in pursuing this. D. Astle suggested  
20 putting a note in the newsletter explaining the kind of histories we are looking for. It  
21 would be better to have small sketches rather than entire books on each family. We  
22 would start with the original pioneers and go from there. There are still people living  
23 here who have ties to the quarry.

24 J. Hicken said he would go and talk to Dick Sackett at Johnsons again and let him know  
25 we are very interested in pursuing this.

### 27 **Item 3. Discussion of the sauerkraut dinner display**

28 J. Robinette was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but she wrote her evaluation of the  
29 display. The dinner was not the best we have had. The sauerkraut was disappointing. It  
30 would be nice to go back to the way it was done years ago, but this is not possible. The  
31 display turned out very nice. J. Robinette and C. Nyman did a great job putting it  
32 together, with help from K. Harris. Others members met with dinner guests, answered  
33 questions and explained some of the projects we are working on. It was suggested that  
34 next year we look at rearranging the display so people don't get stuck back in the corner.  
35 Maybe using smaller tables would help.

### 37 **Item 4. Update from Dale Astle on the Pioneer Monument Committee**

38 D. Astle reported that they have met as a Board and are planning to change the name of  
39 the Committee so it is not specific to that one project. They have met with an attorney to  
40 see about broadening the scope of the group yet keeping the non-profit status. One name  
41 they have considered is the "Providence Culture Preservation Committee". They are  
42 checking to see if this name is available and not already in use.

### 44 **Item 5. Discussion on the museum possibility**

45 B. Nelson distributed a letter from the Building Inspector about the home on 100 North  
46 Main that is being considered for a museum. There are a number of concerns from the

1 Building Code that would have to be addressed if we made this into a museum. There are  
2 limitations when you invite the public inside the building. J. Hicken made a list of all the  
3 obstacles listed in the letter. He felt the only difficult one was widening the stairs. The  
4 basement made of rock from the quarry is a great feature. Perhaps we could put a glass  
5 over a section of the basement so people could look at it without actually going down the  
6 stairs.

7 J.Hicken asked if this could be a project of the Pioneer Monument Committee. D. Astle  
8 felt that they could raise money to purchase this building, but wondered if it should be a  
9 museum or just a restored Tithing Office. Are the rooms large enough to put a display in  
10 or allow people to walk around in? J. Hicken asked if there could be a series of buildings  
11 – the Post Office building that A. Leonhardt has found; the Watkins Printing display; the  
12 artifacts that Ken Braegger has collected; the old freight office. D. Astle wondered if  
13 there is enough property there for that many buildings. He thought the Bartschi property  
14 would be better suited for the grouping of buildings. J. Hicken agreed, but felt the  
15 location of the Tithing Office, right in the center of town, was a very important  
16 consideration. D. Astle urged the Commission to look at the cost benefit aspect and  
17 decide if this building will accomplish what we are trying to do. If it turns out to be what  
18 we want, the Pioneer Monument group can help with fund raising.

19 K. Seethaler asked what the next step should be. J. Hicken felt we should devote one  
20 whole meeting to this discussion. D. Astle suggested we bring in some people who have  
21 done museums in their towns to get their viewpoint. A. Leonhardt will contact Paul  
22 Willie, who put together a museum in Mendon. C. Nyman will talk with Madeline  
23 Barlow, who put together the DUP Museum. D. Astle will check to see where the  
24 boundary line is between school property and City property east of the proposed museum  
25 lot on 100 North Main. A. Leonhardt noted that Ivan Leonhardt is the contact person for  
26 the museum in Montpelier, Idaho.

27 It was determined that the meeting in January will be dedicated to the museum.  
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29 **Item 6. Discussion on ordinances for Historic District**

30 J. Hicken felt that we could make much better progress on these ordinances by forming  
31 an ad hoc committee similar to the one that put together the pictures for the history book.  
32 He suggested H. Kelley, A. Leonhardt and K. Harris make up this committee. Everyone  
33 agreed.  
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35 MOTION by J. Hicken to adjourn. Second by A. Leonhardt. All in favor.  
36 Next meeting will be Jan. 18, 2011.  
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41 Karl Seethaler, Chairman

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41 Brenda Nelson, Secretary