

1 Providence Historic Preservation Commission  
2 March 15, 2011  
3 6:00 p.m.

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5 THOSE PRESENT: Jay Hicken, Carol Nyman, Alma Leonhardt, Karl Seethaler, Hoyt  
6 Kelley, Jackie Robinette  
7 EXCUSED: Kaye Lyn Harris  
8 OTHERS: Don Calderwood, Kris Kvarfordt, another guy  
9 Minutes taken by Brenda Nelson

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11 MOTION to approve minutes of February 15, 2011 by A. Leonhardt. Second by H.  
12 Kelley. All in favor

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14 B. Nelson gave information to Commission about upcoming Utah Preservation  
15 Conference in Salt Lake on May 12-14. Two scholarships are available for each CLG to  
16 pay for registration, luncheon and home tour. Members were encouraged to attend.

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18 **Item 1. Update on museum**

19 J. Robinette reported that members of the Commission met with Jeff McBride of the  
20 Hyrum City Museum. They got a lot of ideas about fundraising. Hyrum City supported  
21 the building of the museum as part of the new library complex. They raised \$5 million.  
22 J. Hicken has drawn up a sketch of a layout for the property on 100 North Main where  
23 the old Tithing Office sits. Besides the Tithing Office, the drawing included spots for  
24 three 20' x 30' buildings which would house the Keith Watkins printing equipment, the  
25 artifacts belonging to Ken Braegger, various artifacts collected from the community  
26 and/or the DUP collection. There was also a place to relocate the log cabin located east  
27 of the Allen home on 200 North. J. Robinette could not get with David Bell of USU yet,  
28 but once we decide what avenue to pursue, the students will help us. J. Hicken said this is  
29 just a concept plan and can be revised. A. Leonhardt said he spoke with the property  
30 owner and they have put the lot up for sale.

31 J. Robinette summarized that we have three potential sites for the museum: the Bartschi  
32 blacksmith property on 100 W 250 S, the Tithing Office at 100 N Main, and the Old  
33 Rock Church property. J. Hicken reported that Brent Bartschi had given a reply on his  
34 property to "test the water" and see how interested the City is. He said B. Bartschi would  
35 lease the City the building for \$1 renewable every ten years as long as a museum and the  
36 forge room remain dedicated to blacksmithing, otherwise it reverts back to the Bartschi  
37 family. The other condition is that the property behind the building be available only to  
38 the Bartschi family. H. Kelley wondered if the City would ever be able to purchase the  
39 Bartschi property outright. J Hicken didn't feel that we would want this property if we  
40 could not have access to the metal building for storage and archiving, or the side yard for  
41 parking. J. Robinette agreed that Hyrum had 2200 sq ft as display and twice that much  
42 more in the back for archiving and storing things that are donated. We also need to figure  
43 the operating costs of each site. H. Kelley did not feel the Tithing Office property would  
44 be big enough for what we need. J. Hicken noted that his concept drawing showed  
45 enough room for all the buildings. The City owns property to the east of it. He spoke to  
46 Skarlet Bankhead, City Administrator, and she felt we could expand back to the pavilion.

1 J. Robinette said what made Hyrum’s museum successful was traffic flow. They have  
2 the library which is already a draw for people. If we create a free standing museum, we  
3 won’t have that traffic flow. A. Leonhardt stated that one plus of this site is that this is  
4 the busiest corner in Providence.  
5 A. Leonhardt suggested we talk about the third possibility, the Old Rock Church. He said  
6 the buildings, (freight office and post office) could be moved to that location. J. Hicken  
7 stated that each site gives a unique look. The discussion of the Old Rock Church ties into  
8 item 5 on the agenda.  
9 K. Seethaler has put together documents regarding the future of the Old Rock Church –  
10 There is a consensus that the Old Rock Church would function well as a library, museum  
11 and city offices. There is a large area in the yard to put other buildings such as the freight  
12 office, etc. This would be an expensive project – K. Seethaler reported that it would take  
13 \$1.8 million to pay off the debt. But in comparison to the \$5 million Hyrum raised, it  
14 may be a possibility. People love the Old Rock Church and want to keep it as a landmark  
15 in the community. The Pioneer Monument Committee would be the fund raiser who  
16 would purchase it and lease it to the city. J. Robinette felt that we need to develop an  
17 estimate of operating expenses. H. Kelley asked if wondered what other costs would be  
18 involved. (seismic retrofitting) .  
19 K. Seethaler disclosed his conflict of interest with the Old Rock Church.  
20 MOTION by J. Hicken that we continue our effort to prepare a project idea with the  
21 Tithing Office property; get ideas from the Commission, get with the Landscaping people  
22 at USU to put a plan together. He will write Brent Bartschi and tell him we are not  
23 interested in his property under those conditions. He moved that we go forward and put a  
24 package together and make it work. SECOND by H. Kelley.  
25 J. Robinette said she will work with the Landscape students at USU. She explained that  
26 we need to prioritize the three possible sites, and have a date to work towards H. Kelley  
27 felt we need to create a working model for people to see. This will also help in  
28 fundraising. K. Kvarfordt said he has been volunteering his time to help K. Seethaler and  
29 would be willing to put together a 3-D model of the Old Rock Church property. He said  
30 he could have something ready by the next meeting in 30 days. J. Robinette felt we need  
31 to do this with each of the three properties.  
32 Vote on J.Hicken’s motion – all in favor.  
33 MOTION by J. Robinette that we pursue something on each of the properties within the  
34 next 60 days. SECOND by H. Kelley. All in favor.

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36 **Item 2. Discussion on archiving family histories, artifacts, oral histories**

37 C. Nyman reported that she met with Sheri Ward, City Staff member, and discussed the  
38 Next Generation website and software. C. Nyman told her that Ken Braegger has written  
39 over 400 articles, and we have many oral histories that we want to showcase on the  
40 website. Is there enough room on the Historic Preservation website? If not, would this be  
41 a good option. C. Nyman learned that there are no other fees for the Next Generation site  
42 except the \$29.95 initial fee. Sheri Ward is checking on adding more space to our  
43 website and will report back.

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45 **Item 3. Discussion on creating educational materials**

46 J. Hicken had to leave early and was not present for this discussion. C. Nyman said the

1 Commission wants to prepare a dvd about the limestone quarry. H. Kelley said he would  
2 like it done professionally. J. Robinette reported that J. Hicken had already lined  
3 someone up to make the dvd.. H. Kelley said Johnsons Construction has been involved  
4 with the quarry the last 50 years, but he would like to show back to when they were  
5 hauling limestone with horse and wagons. C. Nyman would like to interview people who  
6 were associated with the quarry. Harvey Mohr's father and Kaye Lyn Harris's father  
7 worked there, and Ken Braegger drove a quarry truck. B. Nelson added that her mother  
8 lived on 400 S Main and had a fun story about the thick dust caused by the quarry trucks.  
9 It was so thick she and her cousin could lie on the road and cover themselves with the  
10 dust. C. Nyman said if anyone else comes to mind for an interview to let her know. H.  
11 Kelley said we should talk to Johnsons about paying for the video. It would be a  
12 supplement to the one they already have. It could be used in schools.  
13 K. Seethaler asked if C. Nyman had looked into creating the position of town historian.  
14 C. Nyman will continue to explore this idea.

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16 **Item 4. Discussion on ceremony and activities to replace plaque at Old Rock**  
17 **Church April 20th**

18 K. Seethaler explained that he would like to have a yearly celebration on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the  
19 day of the founding of the City. He has asked Stuart Robinette to help with this years  
20 festivities. There will be a quilt show and a program.

21 In June is the City's Celebrate Providence celebration. Do we want to have a booth?

22 Everyone felt we should be represented at all city celebrations. Need to ask Sheri Ward  
23 where the banner is for the Historic Preservation Commission. If we are at the point of  
24 fundraising, we could use this venue to bring attention to our projects.

25 We could do a craft project such as rope making or a clothespin doll. H. Kelley  
26 suggested pioneer candy such as salt water taffy. Don Calderwood volunteered to pound  
27 steel if we could have a forge ready. He suggested making rings out of horseshoe nails.  
28 This is a big hit with children. Everyone liked that idea. This doesn't take a forge. We  
29 could make a bunch ahead of time. J. Robinette will ask about getting a booth.

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31 MOTION by C. Nyman to adjourn the meeting. Second by J. Robinette. All in favor

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33 B. Nelson mentioned to the Commission that this would be her last meeting as she has  
34 decided to resign. She thanked the Commission for the 8 wonderful years of being a  
35 member of this group. She noted that she, Karl Seethaler, Marie Olsen, Keith Watkins  
36 and Adrian Gale were the charter members of this group formed in March 2003. K.  
37 Seethaler thanked B. Nelson for her years of service.

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39 Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m

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Karl Seethaler, Chairman

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Brenda Nelson, Secretary

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