



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 08, 2020, at 7:11 PM
275 West Main St

Committee Members Present: Ron Jones, Damon Bahr, Jeremy Coombs

Others Present: Leisure Services Director John Bradley, State Historic Preservation Office Member Alena Franco, Recreation Assistant, and Committee Secretary Emily Waters

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Leisure Services Director John Bradley gave the invocation and Committee Member Ron Jones led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES: Approval of September 10, 2020 minutes

PUBLIC FORUM: No public forum

WELCOME

Committee Member Ron Jones introduced new Committee Member Jeremy Coombs to the committee and allowed him to tell the committee a little about himself. Jeremy is a linguist and has an interest in history. He has a lot of knowledge of archives and photographs.

After Jeremy introduced himself, each person in the room gave a brief introduction to themselves. When all the introductions were made Ron turned the time over to State Historic Preservation Office Member Alena Franco to introduce herself and give the training.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Training to become a Certified Local Government by Alena Franco-Utah State Historic Preservation Office

State Historic Preservation Office Member Alena Franco introduced herself and talked about becoming a CLG (Certified Local Government). Santaquin is on their way to completing all the requirements needed to be a CLG, all the city has left is filling out paperwork and proceeding with the survey. Alena then talked about grants that the Committee can receive for the Historic sites in Santaquin. The grants the committee can receive are generally around ten thousand dollars and become available in January. These grants have flexible usage, and the committee will be given 16 months to complete the grants project or projects. The committee will be able to apply for grants every two years. Alena is going to email the paperwork to Leisure Services Director John Bradley, and he will forward the paperwork to the rest of the committee.

2. Procedures to development Historic Property Survey

Alena talked about the Historic Property Survey and mentioned that it is a smart first step, the survey will help Santaquin narrow down the search for historic structures. The survey

will most likely be conducted as a “window survey” meaning that they will probably be in a vehicle as the survey is taken. Leisure services director John Bradley asked about the individual historic property and how grants may work with these individual properties. Alena said that the grant will go to the city and the funds would be funneled out through them and so the property would have to work with the city. Committee member Damon Bahr asked about tips and advice for the survey, Alena said that it would be a good idea to write down what the committee or city’s goals are when they go into the survey. When a building is placed onto the register for the historic list, the owner of the structure is the only one who decides what happens to the building. The grant may be used for the structure; however, the building can still be torn down by the owner for whatever reason they may have. If the building is torn down, there are a few things that people can do to preserve the memory of that building such as have floor plans drawn up or taking pictures.

For a building to be considered historical the building needs to be older than 1970 and needs to have historical integrity. However, that does not mean that everything needs to be the original. There can be changes to the building however if the changes are too dramatic the building will no longer be considered historical.

When the survey takes place the consultant will be taking pictures of different buildings, Committee Member Jeremy mentioned that it might be a good idea to place something about the survey in a monthly newsletter so that people can know why someone is photographing buildings. Alena also mentioned that the survey will probably be in certain areas that are considered historical.

3. Museum roof replacement discussion

Earlier in the meeting, there was a question about the replacement of the roof and if the replacement would destroy the historical integrity of the building. Alena said that the replacement of the roof would be fine, and the historical integrity of the building would still be there. Leisure Services Director John Bradley mentioned that with the new city hall going into the same block as the museum he believes that there will be more improvements to the surrounding areas which include the museum. There are a few steps to help the museum such as getting rid of the bats and fixing the roof. The estimate for the museum's roof is about 150 thousand dollars to be rid of the bats and fix the roof. The removal of the bats can only be done in the few months between fall and spring. As the roof is repaired some of the items inside the museum will have to be moved, while these items are moved John mentioned that there could be a bit of focus on the foundation.

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES, QUESTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee talked about how often they would like to meet and decided that now and then would be good, they then planned for their next meeting to be in January.

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: Committee Member Damon Bahr motioned to adjourn the meeting and Committee member Jeremy Coombs seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Committee Chair

Recorder