

MEETING MINUTES

HAILEY ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

April 4, 2023 at 3:30 PM

To be held at Hailey City Hall and virtually via GoTo Meeting

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Present: Michele Johnson, Gwen Mesce, Herbert Romero, Joan Davies, Carol Waller, Frank Rowland, Lee Dabney, Toni Whittington **Staff:** Robyn Davis, Cece Osborn

3:34pm Johnson calls the meeting to order

New Business

1. Update on History Hotline
 - Subcommittee update: 5-10 narrative/recording ideas
 - GM:
 - Ridley Pierson author of literature for people of all ages, resident of 40 years, might be able to help with storytelling.
 - Jane from Jane's Artifacts has a good story about her late husband and sheepherding
 - The City can make a public announcement welcoming stories; prompt idea: "You know you're old school Hailey if..."
 - HR:
 - HR has contacts stories of Hispanic/Latino culture about teachers, restaurants, La Salamanca
 - Dang might have some stories
 - JD knows of a trailing of the Sheep story from the Goitiandia family
 - Agreed upon intentions with the project:
 - The length of stories should be 1-2 minutes,
 - Showcase diversity in the stories,
 - Record in multiple languages, including English and Spanish
 - Purchasing supplies by mid-May
 - Still optimistic about moving forward with high school student David Mandeville, although he's been ill and busy with school.
 - If he can't advise on which parts to purchase before our next meeting, Staff will find someone else to advise before our next meeting.

- Goal is to approve spending at the next meeting, then order parts shortly after.
- 2. Update from Bengal Works
 - Status updates on projects
 - Phone booth – installation May 18th
 - Utility Box status – installation late May/early June depending on temperatures
 - Invoice

3:59 CW motions to approve spending the \$1,357.50 down payment, LD seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

- 2. Review proposed budget
 - About \$2,700 remain for the History Hotline and Chinese American Heritage projects
- 3. Chinese American Project Update
 - CO offers a recap of the trajectory of the project. Ava and Jessica did not provide a funding request or concrete project proposal, after JD's meeting with Ava we are proposing to move forward with a trellis/gateway idea.
 - Trellis/"moon gate" idea
 - JD: There is a garden structure with an Asian symbol available online, to order for \$275
 - CO: Using abstract symbols that derive from Chinese philosophy and have been used in other modern art pieces might be more appropriate and respectful than appropriating intricate/alphabet symbols that we have little knowledge of and connection to
 - Commission weighed pros/cons of commissioning a local artist/welder versus ordering a pre-made piece
 - Local artist/welder
 - Create a greater and more meaningful tie between the project and the local community
 - Perhaps better ensures that the structure is weatherproof and durable
 - A call for artists could be a laborious or drawn-out process; we wouldn't want a call for artists to take so long that it would compromise the project from happening
 - Ordering a pre-made piece
 - Less expensive
 - Quicker
 - Perhaps not sturdy enough
 - Perhaps not big enough, or not custom to the space
 - Commission open to more general project ideas, as long as it's a memorial structure
 - Educational signage to be paired with the structure, LD will reach out to her contacts
 - Possible project locations
 - Per City Code, the project (a public art piece) cannot be located on private property
 - City right-of-way (ROW) locations nearby or at entrances to Draper Preserve:
 - River Street ROW
 - CW: Could the project be installed and installation costs be shared with multimodal improvements on River Street, if it was located in the River Street ROW?
 - RD: The timeline for the multimodal improvements at Walnut Street, plus going south, are unknown/not scheduled for this summer. I.e. the timing would not work out.
 - Aspen Drive/West Chestnut ROW

- W. Bullion ROW
- Possibility of a two-part piece, at different entrances into Draper Preserve or surrounding China Gardens
- Cemetery
 - “Potter’s Field” site of the burials
 - FR will contact the cemetery about their interest in participating in the project
 - If located at the cemetery, perhaps the Cemetery would be able to cover some costs, e.g. of installation
- Call for artists
 - Commission reviewed and offered feedback on the call for artists draft
 - CW: let’s reach out to local welders to assess how reasonable our \$2,000 budget is/isn’t before publishing
 - CO & RD: Will do this ASAP, then publish this week on social media, next week in the paper. We can reach out to artists/welders, publish the announcement, and look for pieces to order online simultaneously. Hopefully, doing all this will expedite the process. Ideally, we’d be picking a design/proposal to move forward with at the May meeting.
 - LD: If we don’t receive favorable proposals before the May meeting, what do we do? What is our plan from there, would we choose one that we don’t like or would we wait/not move forward with any of the proposals?
 - CW: We can always opt not to select a proposal.

Old Business, In-Progress & Status Reports

1. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2023 -- [Action Item](#)

4:36 pm LD motions to adopt the meeting minutes from 2/14/23, HR seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Possible Discussion Topics for next Agenda

1. Community engagement around phone booths and utility box projects
 - a. “Our Differences Make a Difference”
2. Finish projects from \$8,000 budget
 - a. History Hotline
 - i. Vote on materials purchases
 - b. Chinese American Heritage
 - i. Vote on artist

4:39 pm Adjourn – Motioned by CW, seconded by LD; all in favor.