

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**HAILEY ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION**  
**COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**June 15, 2023 at 3:30 PM**  
**To be held at Hailey City Hall and virtually via GoTo Meeting**

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**Present:** Gwen Mesce, Herbert Romero, Joan Davies, Carol Waller, Michele Johnson, Lee Dabney, Frank Rowland **Staff:** Cece Osborn **Presenter:** Gemma Daggatt

**3:30pm MJ calls the meeting to order**

**New Business**

1. History Hotline

- Update: black phones have arrived
- Review: storytelling plan
  - Confirmed who has stories to tell
  - Reviewed the number of necessary to record per soundboard, 10 stories per phone booth
    1. Should every story be told in English and Spanish? Consensus: yes, every story should be told twice, one time in English and another in Spanish
    2. HR: Should the English/Spanish versions of each story be integrated or played together on the same button? Or, should each button have one translation—i.e. English versions of the stories on even numbered buttons and Spanish versions of the stories on odd numbered buttons (or vice versa)?
    3. Consensus chooses the latter, one translation per button.
    4. MJ: So, then we need ten stories—5 distinct story lines per booth, each in English and Spanish.
  - CO brings up the story planning spreadsheet, Commission whittles the list down to ten distinct stories:
    1. A story about local Native Americans, told by Toni Evans and/or D.A. Outz; **Toni Whittington** will coordinate this story. Joan Davies or Frank Rowland can ask D.A. Outz if need be.
    2. A naturalist story or trivia, told by Ann Christenson and/or Linda Riese. **Lee Dabney** will coordinate this story, Joan Davies can ask Linda Riese if need be.
    3. A Basque sheepherding story, told by a member of the Gointindia family. **Joan Davies** will coordinate this story.
    4. A children's story from Michele Johnson's family, told by a member of the family—perhaps Sandy Ovard. **Michele Johnson** will coordinate this story.
    5. A children's story, told by Kindergarten teacher Edith Lopez-Millard. **Herbert Romero** will coordinate this story.
    6. A story about parades in Hailey, told by the Mayor. **Staff** will coordinate this story.
    7. A story about Peruvian sheepherding, told by Rudolpho Serva. **Herbert Romero** will coordinate this story.
    8. A story about Mexican cultural events in the Wood River Valley, told by Juan Salamanca. **Herbert Romero** will coordinate this story.

9. A story about running a local business in the Wood River Valley and El Salvadorian heritage, told by Sandra Castillo. **Herbert Romero** will coordinate this story.
  10. A story about Chinese heritage in the valley, told by Gemma Daggatt. **Staff** will coordinate this story. The Commission will review the story text.
- Next steps: set dates for
    - Storytelling workshops & recording stories
      1. HR asks Staff to offer multiple recording times, to offer people flexibility.
      2. LD can offer people coaching, to tighten up their stories to meet the 1 minute time frame.
      3. LD's son might be able to help record the stories.
      4. CO: Goal is to record the stories in the next month, Staff will send an e-mail with story coaching/recording days/times.

## 2. Chinese American Heritage Project Next Steps

- Design
  - Feedback from Ava Scanlan
    - Use the bench design and offer space for the ghosts or past ancestors of the Hailey's Chinese immigrants.
    - Replace the stylized symbol of prosperity with a second linguistic symbol to represent prosperity; and
    - To incorporate signage with education/an explanation beyond a QR code.
  - Gemma's presentation, 4:08pm
    - Revised design proposal:
      - Maintain the stylized symbol instead of the linguistic symbol, add a mountain symbol. Reasoning:
        - The mountain symbol is universal.
        - The stylized Chinese symbol is symmetrical and will not be distorted when viewing from behind.
      - Bench is out of budget but would be a great option for phase 2 of the project— perhaps in the cemetery.
      - Labor is volunteered and not included in the budget.
      - Education signage
        - All agree that verbiage should be spelled out and included on the structure, as depicted in Gemma's updated design
      - Budget around \$2,000

**3:30pm FR motions to accept Gemma's proposed design and quoted in the amount presented; as well as to pay a \$1,000 retainer now and the remaining balance to be paid on October 1<sup>st</sup>, pending installation during the month of September. JD seconds, all in favor.**

- Locations:
  - China Gardens
    - Con: off the beaten path
  - Main Street
    - Nearby Blaine County Historical Museum
      - Pro: of relevance to people already visiting the museum
  - River Street
    - Pro: bike/ped corridor, less of a highway
  - CO: If located in a ROW, the Public Works Dept. will have to approve the exact location to ensure that traffic visibility is not impacted
  - Cemetery
    - GD: The Cemetery would be a great location for a bench, GD would like to do a project pertaining to a wider range of cultures at the cemetery.
- One or multiple locations
  - Consensus is one location.
  - Location preferences:
    - 5 in favor of Main Street: FR, MJ, CW, JD, HR

- 2 in favor of River Street: GM, TW
- All in favor of the bulb out on Walnut Street and Main Street, outside Hailey Coffee Co.

**Old Business, In-Progress & Status Reports**

1. Utility Box installation scheduled for Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>!

**4:45 pm HR motions to adopt the Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2023, JD seconds; CW and GM vote in favor; the remaining abstain**

**Possible Discussion Topics for next Agenda**

1. Finish projects from \$8,000 budget
  - a. History Hotline
    - i. Status report
    - ii. Review expenses
2. Community engagement around utility box and other projects
3. HAHPC Facebook page?

**4:55pm CW motions to adjourn, JD seconds; all in favor**