

**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Cedar City Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City Utah.

**Board Members Present:** Chairwoman Aleese Cardon; Farah LeFevre; Paula Mitchell; Ryan Paul; Maria Twitchell; Kearney Wood; Councilmen Scott Phillips; City Planner Don Boudreau; Executive Assistant Natasha Nava.

**Excused:**

**Others Present:** Sophie Grzywacz; Evan Miller.

1. **Call to Order:** Aleese welcomed everyone.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Kearney led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Paula motions to approve the minutes from the March 14th meeting; Ryan seconds; all in favor unanimous decision.
4. **Public Agenda:**  
Ryan I would like to introduce Sophie and Evan. Sophie has been working with me in APEX for a year. She is our Senior Producer. Evan joined us this semester as our Associate Producer. They have worked on all the APEX events for the year. They are brilliant. They are here to talk about Al and his event.

*Ryan motions to move Al Runte up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> item under Business Agenda; Scott seconds; all in favor unanimous decision.*

5. **Business Agenda:**

**Main Street America Conference:** Scott Talisa Myers was hired as our Main Street Coordinator in conjunction with the Historic Downtown Economic Committee, she allows us to receive funding from the Federal and State level. Talisa; Maria Twitchell; Megan Lamb; Brooke Twitchell; and I attended the conference in Boston last month. Over 60 % of the participants in the conference were from rural America. Populations of 100,000 or less. Rural communities are where most of the Main Street America Programs are happening. Our Main Street is in much better shape than some areas. However, we still have work to do. I will invite Talisa to next month's meeting and she will give a presentation pertaining to her mission and vision for our Main Street in Cedar City. Right now she falls under the HDEC, but in other cities they have their own non-profit board made up of property and business owners on Main Street. HDEC received a grant last year, and we are hopping to receive a grant from the State Legislature this year under Main Street Utah. We are a tier 2 Main Street, which is good.

**Railroad Celebration:** Scott we have ordered the banners, they are scheduled to go up the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. They have our logo and the dates June 19<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. We have turned in the artwork for the billboard on 100 West and 200 North. We did receive some additional funding to allow patrons to attend the Frontier Homestead Museum. We have reached out to 2 possible donors. We have 2 requests out for \$10,000 in additional funding. Everything is costing more than we budgeted for. We have a \$100,000 budget. We have signed and returned the contract for the trackless train. We are meeting with the Parks Department to discuss how we envision Main Street Park. **Maria** the markers have been ordered; we are hoping they will be done in time. **Scott** the markers will be unveiled on June 19<sup>th</sup> kicking off the celebration. **Farah** the mural artist will have sketches for me by Monday. His anticipated start date is May 6<sup>th</sup>. **Scott** let's think about how we would like to unveil the mural. I have 6 king size bed sheets that we could use. I met with Special Collections, and they will be doing a special exhibit dedicated to the Railroad and the parks, it will be June 1<sup>st</sup> through the summer. Friday night will be the VIP party and the Mayor's Gala, there will be a dinner served. **Scott** we are advertising on the Facebook page, and once the schedule is finalized, we will have it on there as well.

**Al Runte luncheon: Ryan** Al is arriving this evening. We have his tentative schedule. Due to it being the end of the semester, he will not be spending a lot of time in the classroom. He has a lot of connections, and a lot of people are traveling here to attend his APEX lecture. The first event on his agenda is the lunch tomorrow at noon. He is meeting with the outdoor recreation students at 2:00 p.m. on campus. We set up 18 easels at the Hunter to showcase Railroad artwork. Al will have copies of his books for sale. Sophie and Evan will manage that event. Then it will be lunch and the radio show. Later that evening we are having dinner with some honor students that have studied his work for the APEX class. Finally, he has Farah's Park Architecture class on Friday.

**Moving the May meeting: Natasha** budget meetings will be taking place in the Chambers during our May meeting. We can move to the Admin Conference Room, or we can have our meeting on a different day/time. The meeting will be moved to May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Chambers.

**CLG Update – Cedars Hotel: Don** we did get the 2 RLS's and the 2 nominations. I did reach out to Alena regarding our next steps, she said that we can move forward with our RFP and she has given us the scope of work. **Scott** this is for the Cedar's Hotel? **Don** this would be for both. I'll work on getting an RFP out and someone under contract here shortly. **Scott** part of this will be for the new portion that we got approval for. **Don** yes. **Scott** I do not want to do another ILS in another section until we decide how we are going to approach this. I don't want the business owners to think that we lied to them. And we waited 3 months and then brought it all back again. We haven't done anything yet regarding education and outreach. The RLS just gives us an idea of what percentage of properties are contributory. **Aleese** the ordinance has been repealed. I think we need to work on public opinion and outreach. **Farah** can we have a public meeting and address any concerns? **Scott** it would require a public meeting. **Ryan** our Leap into the Past was so successful a few years back, what if we created something focused on historic preservation. We spend so much time preserving family stories; let's find a way to incorporate historic structures. **Scott** hopefully the Railroad Centennial will help reinvigorate our historic roots. **Paula** maybe we could do it in July, either the 4<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. We know people will be in town looking for something to do. **Scott** Don, can you reach out to SHPO and see if they would be available mid-summer to assist in community outreach.

#### 6. **Other Business:**

**Historic Economic Downtown Committee: Scott** in our meeting last Thursday we discussed the next steps in our planning and zoning changes for the historic downtown area. We were approached by the co-owners of the Cedar's Theatre. They want to move ahead on their registry. We decided to hold off on the district until we can do more outreach. We're moving forward with the Cedar's Hotel, and they would like us to move ahead on them as well. They've had the ILS done. They qualify in the same way that the Cedar's Hotel qualifies. I'm not sure if the State will see it the same way. **Don** I will have to investigate it. **Scott** do we want to request that we redirect some of the grant money towards the Cedar's Theatre? I know that they want to restore their sign and preserve the building. **Farah** are they willing to contribute financially? **Scott** I don't know. **Aleese** does this board have a budget? **Scott** we have \$10,000. **Aleese** we have already done all the work, what if we gave them money to make their improvements? **Scott** I'll see what that entails. If anyone knows the owners better than I do, maybe reach out to them and see what they're wanting to accomplish.

**Iron County Historical Society Meeting: Paula** they will be meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m., it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Frontier Homestead State Park. There will be a video, refreshments, and pioneer dancing.

#### 7. **Adjourn: 3:56 p.m.**