

CITY OF PACIFIC
Meramec Valley Historical Society Meeting
300 Hoven Dr
Pacific, MO 63069
May 10, 2023 at 5:00p.m.

Call to order: The regular meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Chairman Titter.

Present for the Meramec Valley Historical Society: Jeff Titter, Donna Graham, Bonnie Post, Dennis Oliver.

Absent: Wayne Winchester

City Staff: Community Development Clerk Wilson, Aldermen Scott Lesh

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bonnie Post, seconded by Donna Graham to approve the minutes with a revision on the spelling of Neimoeller from April 12, 2023. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

Public Participation

No public participation

New Business

A. Election of a Chairman

Bonnie Post nominates Jeff Titter as Chairman. Jeff Titter accepts the nomination. No other nominations are made.

Motion by Dennis Oliver, seconded by Donna Graham to elect Jeff Titter as Chairman. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result. Jeff Titter abstained from the vote.

Old Business

A. Red Cedar Update

Chairman Titter says that Tourism Director O'Malley gave him an update since she couldn't attend the meeting. A walk through on Red Cedar was done this week and there are just a few more things to get finished up. They will be applying for occupancy. The tops of the interactives are complete. The Route 66 acrylics that will be on display in Red Cedar are out for print and the Pacific panel should be going out for print next week. Tourism Director O'Malley has started to meet with vendors for the gift shop items. Aldermen Lesh says that he spoke with City Administrator Roth and was told that the final items should be completed before Memorial Day weekend, so that is when he expects occupancy to be given. He goes on to say that once occupancy is given then Kelly and Derek can start moving items in.

B. Volunteers

Chairman Titter says that Tourism Director O'Malley has hired two part time employees. She does have room to hire a few more. She is still looking for volunteers for the genealogy center and Red Cedar. Chairman Titter asks that if anyone is interested to please contact Tourism Director O'Malley.

C. Plaques

Dennis Oliver asks everyone to look at the sheet provided that shows a mock up the Sinclair Gas Station. That is an example of the what the porcelain plaque could look like. He asks for thoughts and suggestion. He was thinking black and white 8 x 10 would be best and they would be \$380.00 apiece. Color would cost \$590.00 each. Donna Graham says that she likes the layout. She says that the price has almost doubled since the last time they had is bid. She wants everyone to remember that they will need to add plaques in the future and she doesn't want to price themselves out. Dennis Oliver says that he and Bonnie had talked about the black and white being more historical and appropriate for the buildings. Chairman Titters suggests that maybe the building owner may want to upgrade to a color plaque and they could help pay for it. Dennis Oliver says he's not opposed to that if they have a color photo of their building. Most of the original photos are going to be in black and white. He doesn't mind if it's black and white or color as long as plaque size and layout to be the same, so when people are following the map around town they know what to look for. Chairman Titter asks about the QR code. Dennis Oliver thinks it would be best to put the QR code somewhere else and not on the plaque. Maybe list that the QR codes are located on the front door or window of the buildings. Bonnie Posts says that if the technology changes or goes away it would be better not to have the QR code on the plaque. She says that they have come up with a list of 41 buildings around town. She feels this is a good start. Dennis Oliver says that this list was quickly thrown together but they would need someone who really knows the history to look it over. He states that they added some architectural homes that may not have "history" per say in pacific, but that he feels people would enjoy going to see. Donna Graham agrees. She knows people who travel around to look at Sears and Roebuck houses. She says they seek them out.

Motion made by Dennis Oliver, seconded by Donna Graham to go with the 8 x 10 plaques in black and white with the option for the building owner to pay for an upgrade to color. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

Reports

A. Aldermen Lesh

Chairman Titter welcomes Aldermen Lesh as their liaison. Aldermen Lesh reminds them that budget meeting will be May 22, 2023, but that is all that he has.

B. Research

Donna Graham says that City Clerk Barfield had someone come into City Hall wanting to have some research done on their family. She passed this information along to Sue Reid who has reached out to the individual with no response so far. She says genealogy is alive and well.

Misc

Bonnie Post asks about the status of the family research website. Chairman Titters says he does not know where Tourism Director O'Malley is with that. Donna Graham says that she imagines one of the new part time employees is working on it. Chairman Titter says he will follow up on it and see where they are at. Bonnie Post says that she saw pictures of the shelving being put together. Chairman Titter says that yes, the shelving has been put together.

Adjournment

Motion made by Dennis Oliver, seconded by Bonnie Post. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.