

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 21, 2014
"Final"

Dick Kohler opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. Those present were Robert L. Schuyler – University of Pennsylvania, LoAnne Barnes, Patricia Hadley, Kenneth Hadley, Sidney Creer, Bette Ellen Bentley – Green Gate Village, David Rogers – Sons of Utah Pioneers, Susan Crook, L. Karen Platt, Lyman Platt, Ron Cundick, Pat Cundick, George Cannon, Elaine Tyler, and Lynne Johnston.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

Susan Crook made a Motion to approve the Minutes from April 23, 2014. The Motion was seconded by Karen Platt. All present said "Aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler

- Susan Crook made a Motion to approve the April 1-April 30, 2014 Treasurer's report. The Motion was seconded by LoAnne Barnes. All in favor said "Aye".
- Elaine said she had received Membership Dues for two new members – Keith and Lydia Rhea – Ken and Pat Hadley
- Elaine paid \$62.00 to renew the PO Box

UTAH HERITAGE FOUNDATION PRESERVATION CONFERENCE – The Hadley's

- Pat said there were 6 classes to choose from. She and her husband divided up the classes so they could attend them all
- Mohave Underground – a Non-Profit organization
- Their presentation was about Mines – shoring up the old mines – putting some of the artifacts from the mines on display
- Architectural Designed Hidden Places – Catholics fell out of favor and hid in Castles, Polygamists had to be hidden
- ReHab it Right – design a kitchen – talked about ratios, pleasing to the eye, lighting, incorporating your own ideas
- Tour of the Marmalade District which is West of the Utah Capitol – redone after World War II – Classic Styles
- CLG 101 – Thru the Certification process Communities make a local commitment to preserve historic buildings, homes, and are recognized as a Certified Local Government

SILVER REEF – JENNIFER KOHLER – JOSH WALLIS - DOC UTAH – PHIL TUCKETT – LEO LYMAN – MIKE EMPEY

Jennifer talked about the work that is going on at Dixie State College with the students who are learning about films – coming up with an idea, researching the idea, getting the “know how” on how to put together a film, etc.

- Josh Wallis, a student, has been working on making a documentary on Silver Reef – Timber in the Mines; a Capstone project. The students learn things such as making digital effects, editing, etc. His work may have to be done over, but he is going to submit the material that he has done.
- Some of the historic documentaries are shown on Southern Utah Live.com
- Silver Reef – Josh Wallis
- Virgin River Gorge – Phil Tuckett
- Zion National Park – Leo Lyman
- Silver Reef Documentary – Mike Empey
- A question was raised as to whether the Documentary “History of the Saints” could be put on the WCHS website – Karen Platt said she would check on the Copyright

GREEN GATE VILLAGE – Beth Ann Bentley (Jubilee Realty)

- Green Gate Village is owned by Ed and Wendy Sandstrom
- The family compound is for sale - \$2,499,000.00
- The Thomas Judd House and the Orson Pratt House are on the National Register of Historic Places
- 8 homes – 40 Rooms – Original Orson Pratt Home
- They would like to sell to someone who can keep the Historical aspect of the property
- Could talk to Doug Alder, the Preservation Committee
- Talk to Dixie State College to see if there would be any interest
- Beth Ann’s listing will expire on July 15, 2014
- Utah Heritage Foundation holds preservation easements on several of the buildings
- Susan Crook might be able to give Beth Ann some “leads”

BOILING SPRINGS EVENT – Dick Kohler

- Dick attended the fundraiser for The Boiling Springs Project
- He said it was well attended
- Washington City Mayor and one Washington City Council member attended
- Niki Warner had a booth set up at the Cotton Days held in Washington
- A camera man from DocUtah came and took videos of some of the “old timers” who attended Cotton Days
- Doug Alder suggested that copies of those videos should be sent to Dixie State College Archives

WCHS WEBSITE – George Cannon

- George commented about the 17,000 “hits” for the month of May
- Paul Furr made a connection from the Website and ended up looking for the St. George Temple Trail
- George talked about the videos on the Website which are of the historical nature
- George said he would like the Committee to check the Website for mistakes

HISTORIC DISTRICTS TAX INCREMENTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- There were comments made about the Historic Districts and Economic Development
- Washington County School District has a line item for historical money that comes out of the School District or the County?
- Washington County RAP tax is on the ballot this fall
- Santa Clara has a Historic District Tax – the money accumulates – Tax Increment financing?
- Tax increment money can be used – How Tax Investment Financing Works
Redevelopment projects in which RDA is involved are financed through a combination of public and private investment. A unique mechanism called Tax Increment Financing (TIF) enables the RDA to use the net new tax revenues generated by the redevelopment to help refinance the project.

Here is how TIF works. When a redevelopment project is being planned, the RDA analyzes how much additional real and personal property taxes should be generated once it is completed. That tax increment then can be used by the RDA either to finance the issuance of bonds or to reimburse developers for a portion of their project financing. In either case, the new tax revenue that is created must be used for improvements that have a public benefit and that can support the redevelopment effort, such as site clearance, streets, utilities, parks, the removal of hazardous materials or conditions, or site acquisition and the removal of blighted buildings.

TIF is used only when an area or property can't be redeveloped without public investment and when it meets a public objective, and then only to fill a gap between the total project cost and the level of private financing the project can support. In the case of developer reimbursement, the amount of money reimbursed depends on the success of the project, with the developer getting the money only if the project creates the extra value for the city.

All the additional taxes created by the redevelopment revert to the normal taxing entities once the RDA has fulfilled its monetary obligations related to a project. Thus, the neighborhood benefits from the creation of revitalized, productive properties and the taxing entities get new, permanent sources of revenue that wouldn't have existed if the RDA had not enabled the project to be undertaken.

- Municipalities have funding for preservation of historic places if they qualify as Certified Local Government (CLG)
- 1956 President Eisenhower signed into law the National Interstate and Defense Highway Act – to facilitate an efficient way for the military troops to depart if under attack – it established the interstate highway system. Due to this construction many historic properties were destroyed.
- Senate Bill 3035/Public Law 89-665, the National Historic Preservation Act was signed into law in 1966. The Legislation intended to preserve historical and archaeological sites in the United States. The act created the National Register of Historic Places, the list of National Historic Landmarks and the State Historic Preservation Offices.

CLG GRANT MONEY – Susan Crook

- CLG Grant money is being used by Hurricane – they are replacing/upgrading the windows in the Bradshaw House
- Rockville – Jane Whalen
- Santa Clara is out of compliance with their CLG Grant – they need to turn in their annual report to the Committee

SUGGESTIONS FOR FIELD TRIPS

- Whitney Ranch – SE of Bunkerville
- Old Spanish Trail
- History of Parks and Cemeteries
- History of 1950's style buildings in St. George – Dick could ask Jim Eardly
- Have a downtown tour of St. George with past Mayor Dan McArthur

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM
 Next meeting will be on September 17, 2014
 Respectfully Yours
 Lynne Johnston