

Sheridan Historical Society Trustee Meeting Tuesday at 6:00 PM March 26, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Hall in the Studio Conference Room in the Sheridan Public Library at 3425 W. Oxford Avenue at 6:00 pm.

Board members present: Ernie Camacho, Dallas Hall, Jeannie Berens, and Roger Rowland. Absent was Don Ezell. His absence was excused. He is attending a memorial service in Kansas.

Mr. Jim Taylor was a guest at the meeting.

A motion was made by Jeannie and seconded by Ernie to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Roger. The total balances in all accounts \$7,721.01. Roger also presented the completed 2018 Form 990PF Tax Return. It is ready for submission to the IRS. Roger made some changes to the return. The cover letter was eliminated and supplemental schedules were included at the end. This will provide better transparency to the report. A motion was made by Ernie and seconded by Jeannie to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was approved. See exhibit **A**, tax return.

Correspondence was received from the Department of Veteran's Affairs – Re: Fort Logan Cemetery. We received an email and letter from Mr. Hooker from the Department of Veterans Affairs. They have provided us with a Memorandum of Agreement for our signoff. The MOA only addresses the original issues presented by the VA. It does not address any of the concerns we had expressed in our letter. They question becomes, do we want to sign off on the MOA or respond in a different way.

A motion was made by Ernie and seconded by Jeannie that we decline to sign the MOA as none of our concerns were addressed. The motion was approved. See exhibits **B-1**, **B-2**, and **B-3**.

Correspondence was also received from Rescom Environmental Corporation. It was as section 106 Invitation to the historical society per the National Historical Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. This was in reference to their proposal to add cell phone antennas on top of the building at 3900 S. Federal Boulevard. The antennas would be on two corners and would extend ten feet from the top of the existing building.

The board felt although the antennas may impact some visual views, the property is within a business zoning and would not affect any properties of historical significance. It was a consensus of the board not to respond to the invitation. See exhibit **C**.

Schools Committee

Roger has been working on the research and writing of the History of Sheridan High School Athletics. He came across several helpful articles in the Sheridan Sun, which was published by the school district from 1993 through 2000. He has requested authorization to use copyrighted material in the Sun. The request was granted by the school district. See exhibit **D** and **E**.

Swimming Pool Feasibility Study – Final Report

City staff presented the final report at the last CANDO meeting. There were no changes from the previous presentation. There is a factual error regarding ownership of the pool on page 18. The report incorrectly concludes the pool is covered by the 1977 Joint Use Agreement between the school district and South Suburban. The pool was covered by a separate Joint Use Agreement from 1969. That agreement was subsequently not renewed in 2009. The 1977 Joint Use Agreement specifically excludes the pool from the legal property description attached to the Agreement. The city has not really reached out to the school district for their consent before pursuing the next steps including a potential new grant request.

There was a lively discussion about the positions of the park district and school district about the extension of the 1977 Joint Use Agreement. There is an impasse at the staff level. It was suggested that a cooling off period is needed. Roger commented about how both the library district and school district were better off after the public library was moved out of the high school. There is definitely more public traffic at the new library building. It was noted the park district has a significant amount of land already available to them at Alice Terry park should they want to build a new recreation center, if the impasse is not resolved.

See exhibit **F** for the Pool Feasibility Study.

Loretto Heights – Update

Westside has made an agreement with Hartman-Ely Investments and Proximity Green to renovate Pancratia Hall into affordable housing. This group has worked on previous preservation and renovation projects including the Fruitdale school in Wheat Ridge. Sally Daigle was instrumental in connecting Hartman-Ely with Westside.

Westside recently announced plans to sell the "Darth Vader" building in Glendale, where their offices are located. The sale price was \$25.25 million. This provides significant resources to Westside, including the redevelopment of Loretto Heights.

Driving Change Project Report

A final report has been presented to city council on the "Driving Change" project. Roger passed out some notes on what was presented in the report. See exhibit G.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Submitted by Roger Rowland Secretary/Treasurer

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