



**Sheridan Historical Society
Trustee Meeting
Tuesday at 6:00 PM
July 23, 2019**

Meeting Minutes

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

Board members present: Jeannie Berens, Ernie Camacho, Don Ezell, Dallas Hall (arrived at 6:35 pm), and Roger Rowland.

A motion was made by Ernie and seconded by Jeannie to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Roger. The total balances in all accounts are \$7,756.60. Roger handed out reports covering the first six months of 2019. See Exhibit A. A motion was made by Jeannie and second by Ernie to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Dues were paid at the last meeting by Don Ezell for one year and by Ernie Camacho for two years. Dues were paid by Dallas and Jeannie for one year each. Roger completed and submitted the Annual Periodic Report filing to the Colorado Secretary of State. See Exhibit B. Roger paid the \$10.00 filing fee and is requesting in lieu of reimbursement his membership be extended by one year. A motion was made by Don and seconded by Ernie to extend Roger's membership by one year instead of reimbursing the fee. The motion was approved.

There was no correspondence.

Schools Committee Report

Roger passed out a check list that has been used for the annual all class picnic in past years. See Exhibit C. Roger will obtain all of the paper, plastic goods, and table covers. Purchase of hamburgers, hot dogs was discussed including where to purchase them and overnight storage. Roger asked if anyone has a Sam's or Costco card. Ernie said that Juanita has a Sam's card and can assist with the purchase

Roger arrives about 8:30 am on the morning of the picnic and drops off the tables and boxes of the non-food items. Then Ernie will be at the shelter while Roger goes to the store to purchase ice and water. Ernie will bring his grill. People start arriving between 11:00 am and 11:30 am.

Ernie will be doing the barbeque cooking. Roger will man the sign in table with assistance from other board members. There will be handouts at the sign in table including the Society membership brochure, picnic flyer, and "The History of Sheridan High School" part 1.

"The History of Sheridan High School Athletics" book was passed out to the board members. The book is 73 pages. Roger did have changes from provided from the Class of 89 reunion this past weekend. Roger will be presenting the book to the School Board at their first meeting next month on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. That is also the same day of the first day of classes for the new school year.

German Echevarria will be a new Co-Principal at the high school this year along with Eileen Doolan. Mr. Echevarria was originally from Puerto Rico and has worked at Denver Public Schools for the past 20 years. Most recently he was the assistant principal at North High School and previously the assistant principal at Kennedy High School. He has been a high school cross country coach. He is bilingual. It was noted that Eileen Doolan had originally planned to retire before she was hired as the interim high school principal back in the spring of 2017. Eileen will work through the first semester but will probably not work the second semester (due to loss of retirement benefits) and will probably retire at that time.

The new principal at Fort Logan Northgate is William "Bill" Blandón. He has thirty years of experience in education and has been the assistant principal at Wheat Ridge High School for the past twelve years. Previously he was the principal at Kullestrand Elementary in Wheat Ridge and assistant principal at Oberon Middle School in Arvada. He was also an assistant principal at Newton Middle School in Centennial. He is bilingual.

The two new assistant principals at Northgate are Margaret Stanley and Cori Canty Woessner. Margaret has nine years experience as an assistant principal with Jeffco Schools and eight years teaching experience at Jeffco and DPS. Cori served the last three years as both interim principal and assistant principal at East Middle School in Aurora. She also was a counselor in DPS for five years. Both are bilingual.

Dallas arrived at the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Loretto Heights Update

Denver has completed their second and final Loretto Heights Area Plan. The complete final draft is eight-nine pages long. Roger passed out excerpts from the plan including the timeline, land use map, height map, view shed map, historical preservation recommendations, future streets map, parks and greenways map. See Exhibit **D**. The most significant issues are the height limitations and view sheds. He also included bios on Andrew Klein and Mark Witkiewicz from Westside Investment Partners, Inc. Westside is the owner and developer of the Loretto Heights property.

Website Updates

Two new pages have been added to the society website for the mayors of the city. There is a full listing of Mayors from 1890 to the current time. There are four gaps that need to be researched. The gaps are 1896 to 1899, 1902 – 1904, 1905 – 1908, and 1941 to 1945. This was incomplete as many city records before 1960 were destroyed in the 1965 Platte River Flood. The second page for the mayors includes pictures of the last nine mayors from 1970 to the current time. The “Historical Time Line” for the city has also been updated. The most recent items added are “Driving Change” city street replacement program and the \$3.5 million school district mill levy override. There were other minor changes and some surrounding events added. All of these web pages are available under the “Historical Articles” section of the website.

Fund Raising

At the last meeting we discussed a fund raising letter and the sale of mugs with logos. We also discussed entering a vehicle in the Sheridan Celebrates parade. Roger mentioned the possibility of using a rotating web page banner (also know as a front page carousel) for corporate sponsors. They can also be provided their own company history page on the website. We already have histories of some companies on the website.

National Night Out

Amanda Santacruz from the police department is coordinating the event this year. We have a spot reserved. Roger asked if we need to bring a table. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2019. The event starts at 6:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. Roger will be there to set up and man our table. Dallas and Ernie both said they would be at the event and would assist. Ernie said he could provide a table if needed.

History Camp – November 2 at Arapahoe Community College

The registration cost is \$45.00 plus a \$2.35 processing fee, per person for the all day event. It includes breakfast refreshments and lunch. Roger passed around a flyer about the event. See Exhibit E. Roger suggested the society sponsor a couple of Sheridan teachers for the History Camp at the last meeting. There was not a consensus to do sponsorships.

Sheridan Square Park

The Sheridan Square Park dedication was on June 18, 2019. The Society webpage on parks was updated with the information about Sheridan Square Park. A print out for the Sheridan Square Park portion from the website was distributed. Dallas mentioned that a \$414,000 “Open Space” grant for the expansion of Chase Park has been approved by Arapahoe County.

Doug Sovern

Doug Sovern was a volunteer firefighter and passed away a few months ago. Roger has been in contact with his wife Donna about putting together an obituary on our website. There was no

obituary put out in the newspapers or on line. Donna also expressed an interest in donating Doug's bunker gear to the Society for placement in a future museum.

David E. Tiech Sr.

Mr. Tiech was the police chief for Sheridan from 1970 to 1974. Roger passed out his on-line obituary information. See Exhibit F. It was noted that Mr. Tiech had written a book about his life "Soldier, Policeman, Patriot." Mr. Tiech had joined the army during World War II at age 16. He was also a hero during the Korean War.

In Korea, he was then a lieutenant in the 6th Medium Tank Battalion attached to the 24th Infantry Division. Five miles south of the 38th parallel, Tiech was monitoring radio traffic from the 8th Ranger Company. The company was in a battle, had been cutoff, and was asking for help. Defying orders to withdraw, Tiech stayed behind with four tanks. Tiech moved north with his four tanks. The rangers on Hill 628 got down to the tanks waiting in the valley. 65 rangers got on the four tanks and were taken out of harms way. "Not even the tank guns were visible with 65 guys draped on the armor." Captain James Herbert said "...Dave Teich saved our lives...If it wasn't for him, we figure all of the survivors of the battle would have been killed or captured by the Chinese."

Sheridan Celebrates

This event is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019. We have a society meeting scheduled on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. However, we need to decide now if we are going to enter a vehicle in the parade. Possibilities for vehicles were mentioned.

Other Business

It was suggested that we may want to set up a table at a high school football game, possibly homecoming. There was also discussion about holding a high school happy hour event. This had been done in the past when there was an alumni association. They had held one quarterly. The members liked the idea of sponsoring such an event once a year opposite in the calendar of alumni all class picnic.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Submitted by Roger Rowland
Secretary/Treasurer

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