



**Sheridan Historical Society
Trustee Meeting
Tuesday at 5:30 PM
March 26, 2024**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dallas in the “I Dream Room” in the Sheridan Recreation Center at 3325 W. Oxford Avenue at 5:35 pm

Board members present: Ernie Camacho, Dallas Hall, Andrew Rogge, and Roger Rowland. There were no guests.

A motion was made by Ernie and seconded by Dallas to approve the minutes of January 23, 2024. The motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Roger presented the Treasurer’s report. The current balance is \$6,332.56. A motion was made by Andrew and seconded by Ernie to accept the report. The motion passed.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Colel Chabad in Brooklyn, NY. It was a solicitation on behalf of families of Israeli soldiers lost in combat.

Alice Terry Elementary School History

Ernie said he would follow up by contacting Adrian Vigil on the history of the school. It was noted we need to connect with Adrian before the end of the school year.

Supplemental History on the Sheridan Police Department

Roger said he was about a third of the way through the research and writing of the supplemental history.

Fire Department Journals – Digitization

Andrew reported the city received a quote from their new vendor for the digitization of the journals a couple of weeks ago. Pictures have already been sent to the new vendor for digitization.

Carroll's Pub Corner

The city has sent out an RFP for the abatement and demolition of the existing building. Six vendors are under review. The sign panels have been retrieved for the Carroll family. Mike Carroll did a final tour of the facility with the city staff. The city is working with South Suburban on the construction of the trail head to be located on the site.

Historic Plans Grant Application

Andrew reported the application has been cleared to proceed by the city. It is currently the fourth project in line for the city. The grant for the Mary Carter Greenway under 285 has been funded. The Greenway is named after the former mayor of Bow Mar, Mary Carter. Not to be confused with Mary Carter, the former mayor of Sheridan. Other grants in progress include the improvement of the Bear Creek Trail from Federal to Lowell and Carroll's Pub.

Board Vacancy

We are still looking for a person to fill our remaining board vacancy.

Arapahoe Regional Library District

There was discussion on the library district board about the name of the Sheridan Public Library. A concern has been expressed about the name of the library. The following was extracted from their February meeting minutes.

“Oli stated that information was discovered that General Sheridan, after whom Sheridan Library was named, may not have had a history consistent with ALD's values. He asked the board if they would agree to asking a historian to put together a report about General Sheridan and present it at a future board meeting. Based on the report, ALD can determine how to open discussions with the Sheridan community about the name. The board agreed that ALD can proceed with finding a historian who can present information on this topic.”

There was a brief discussion by our board. There are questions about the perspective and circumstances of the history of General Sheridan. A comment was made about the woke nature of the concern and the erasing of history rather than learning from it. The Sheridan Public Library originally opened in the high school in 1972 and the name was not an issue at that time or for the last fifty plus years. The public library moved out of the high school in 2014 and retained the Sheridan name at that time.

New City Council Member

It was reported that Anthony Lopez has been appointed as the new city council member for Ward 1 on March 26, 2024. Mr. Lopez replaced Don Smith who resigned in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Submitted by Roger Rowland
Secretary/Treasurer

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