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## **100 Year Celebration Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Scappoose City Hall, 33568 E Columbia Ave., Scappoose, OR 97056**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm**

### **Attendees:**

JJ Duehren, Patty Conroe, Pete McHugh, Jeff Weiss, Kevin Freimuth, Ivy Freimuth, Karen Holmberg, Michael Sykes, Alex Rains, Huell White, Isaac Butman.

### **Absent:**

Sharon Evinger, Bryan Hammond.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by Huell White due to a lack of a Chair or Vice-Chair.

Introductions were given around the room. Alex thanked the members for their willingness to volunteer to make these events happen.

##### **1.1 Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair**

Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair were held. JJ nominated Michael as Chair, Karen Seconded. Approved unanimously. Michael nominated Pete as Vice-Chair, JJ seconded. Approved unanimously.

##### **1.2 Team Agreement**

Jeff motioned to adopt the Team Agreement. JJ and Kevin Seconded. Approved unanimously.

##### **1.3 Review Agenda**

No comments were made on the agenda.

##### **1.4 Public Comment**

No member of the public was present to pass comment.

#### **2. City Updates and Discussion**

##### **2.1 100 Year Celebration and Peace Candle Commemoration**

Michael asked the Committee to go around room and share vision and expectations for the 100 Year celebration.



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Pete – The celebration should include the history of the town, there should be a flyer, and it should be easy to see the full picture of Scappoose as it was and as it is now. The celebration needs a slogan.

Patty – Is interested in the Peace Candle and what it symbolizes, she wants to see a rededicate that ensures inclusion across the whole community, including the Native Americans who used to live in the Scappoose area. A great focus for the rededication would be peace and unity.

Karen – There should be historical look back at what has been done in the past relating to celebrations of Scappoose, as well as at the history of Scappoose and celebrations in Scappoose. The same should be done for the Peace Candle.

Kevin – There is a need to get kids excited and involved in Scappoose and the history of Scappoose. The celebration could use a logo, commemorative merchandise. The celebration should really be something to be excited about, something that the community can get excited about, and fill that need that everyone feels right now due to the context we find ourselves in.

Ivy – It would be great to hear stories of Scappoose's history and get younger kids involved with the celebration. There should be a Facebook page for the celebration.

Huell – From the city's perspective regarding the peace candle commemoration, timing is critical because we are going to have to coordinate with developer, and the site is going to be under construction. JJ asked what the timeline for completion is for the housing project by the Candle? Kevin replied that the permit was just approved, and that the developer has 90 days to start construction. Michael asked if the City had secured the easement for the Candle? Huell replied that yes, there is an agreement. The City will need to work with developer to ensure the timing for any celebration works for everyone and unveil the updates to the Candle. Michael asked if it was likely that construction would be ongoing through this summer? Huell replied yes, and the City will update the Committee on that. Michael asked if he was right that the City had budgeted \$50,000 for improvements to the Candle? Huell replied yes. Pete stated that the Candle needs to be complete before any commemoration. Michael stated that Michael Curry is excited about the Candle and has some great ideas. He reminded the Committee that there are two tasks, the 100 Year Celebration and the Candle. The Candle is hard to plan currently, so at this time the 100 Year Celebration is more important until more information is available. JJ stated that if the two celebrations were incorporate then she would recommend timing towards the end of August, maybe in two events, one at the Candle and one at a park. Michael stated that there could be a booth at the 100 Year Celebration for the Candle. JJ reminded the Committee that the budget is important, and wondered how and will the Committee help raise money? Perhaps there needs to be a group formed to work on the logistics of a budget. If the celebration is held at a park it could include live entertainment, booths, a historical booth, community groups, vendors, information on the Candle. How many days would it be? Vendors like multiple days, maybe it could overlap with Farmers Market. Maybe there could be a History Treasure Hunt with rewards to find at end? JJ reminded the Committee that they really need to develop two paths, one that takes Covid-19 restrictions and realities into account, and one that assumes that



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a larger gathering can happen. JJ also mentioned the Grand Ronde Tribes as participants. Kevin stated that the celebration name will be important too.

Jeff – There are two groups that are not represented on the Committee that should be, the Schools and the Community Club. The Committee needs to be conscious of timing with everything else going on, like the Sauerkraut Festival, Labor Day Weekend, and if there are two separate events that's a lot. Michael stated that the community club has limited bandwidth, but that end of summer makes sense for timing. Kevin, replied yes, while the weather is still good. JJ asked when the actual anniversary of Scappoose's incorporation is? Huell replied that he didn't recall. Michael asked Pete what he thought about timing? Pete replied that august sounded good. Michael said not to do the event the same weekend as the Fair or Vernonia Jamboree. JJ stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week august. Pete stated later would be better because the Committee would have more time. JJ asked when Labor Day is this year. Pete stated the celebration should be held in august before school starts. Kevin asked how to integrate Scappoose history with school curriculum. Pete replied that they could make the information available to the Schools, that there is about 80 pages of history already written up. Maybe the Committee could make some short movies? JJ replied that Brian Trenchard-Smith, a film maker, might be willing to volunteer to make a video. Is the Committee thinking one or two days for the celebration? Pete replied two days to attract vendors. JJ asked which days. Michael replied Friday and Saturday. Kevin replied the same. JJ suggested that they open the celebration on Friday at noon, and reach out to the farmers market, and that the Committee needs to ensure there's enough space for everyone. Pete replied noon is good. Patty asked if maybe they could invite Native American groups to open the celebration? JJ said that that went well in St. Helens. The Committee really needs to take them an idea that they can see value in. If this is something the Committee wants to do, they need to start negotiating now. Michael the key is the date and ensuring there are no conflicts with other events. Currently it looks like the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of August will work. Ivy stated the Committee should consider a parade on Saturday. Michael stated that Scappoose has done that before. JJ asked about a run. Pete replied that a run is a good idea. Mike asked if the Boosters are involved yet? Michael stated that the Committee needs smaller group to brainstorm events, theme, budget and logistics and so on. JJ stated she can reach out to tribes, but only once there is a specific plan of action. Pete stated that the Columbia County Museum/Historical Society should also be involved somehow. Karen stated that would be a good idea. Michael stated that there are individuals within the community of Scappoose that might want to display their community memorabilia and historical artifacts.

Michael stated that there's a lot to work on. How do we think we should proceed? JJ stated that she and Jeff could start a subcommittee on logistics. Suggested that they could have a reenactment of how people actually lived in the past, and that there are groups that like to do that. Michael asked about a possible subcommittee on activities and logistics, and stated that the Committee needs to build action plan? It might take more time than one meeting a month for one hour, that maybe they could meet for two or three hours? Maybe the whole group instead of just a few people. Huell replied that if the Committee wants to do that, the City will set aside time for this. JJ replied that even if they meet for longer, there should be a preliminary plan developed before to present at that time. Michael asked if the Committee could meet



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again in a few weeks? Ivy asked if they could meet in the evening? Michael said afternoons work best for now, but that they may need evening meetings later.

Michael reminded the committee that they need to reach out to identified groups (Community Club, Schools, Museum, and Boosters. Jeff said he would reach out to the Community Club, and Patty said she would reach out to the Schools.

Michael asked if the Peace Candle should be included or separated from the 100 Year Celebration? Pete said it should be included, and that the event should celebrate history including the Candle. JJ said the Peace Candle is important, but if it's not feasible to be part of the 100 Year that it may need to be a separate event, maybe next year, along with a Unity Day.

Michael asked City Staff where are we at in terms of this meeting? Huell asked when exactly does everyone want to meet again? Pete stated two weeks from today. Huell replied Thursday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. Michael stated between 1pm and 3pm the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

JJ asked if we have everyone's emails can we send a survey to gather ideas? Michael asked if they wanted a carnival. If we do need to think about that early. JJ replied that a carnival is not relevant to a historical celebration. Pete agreed. JJ and Patty expressed concern about having enough space for the celebration. Jeff agreed. Kevin stated that the Sauerkraut Festival was successful because of the space available. They shut down 2<sup>nd</sup> street and with the extra space Heritage Park was big enough. Ivy stated that she agreed that a carnival may not be important, but that kids' activities are. Pete replied that a church he knows of had interesting activities at one of their events, and he will contact them about this. JJ asked about possibly a blacksmith showing kids how they worked. Ivy said activities like older games, like frog hopping (JJ stated marbles), other fun activities from history, and the kinds of games those that have lived in Scappoose for a while played when they were younger.

Michael reiterated that the Committee would meet again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> between 1pm and 3pm. That they should create sub committees on kids' activities, entertainment, and logistics. Patty stated she has the names of 30 people that are interested in the Peace Candle. Ivy suggested activities on the actual weekend of Scappoose's anniversary, such as a run, a scavenger hunt like Rose Festival where clues come out in the newspaper, and maybe the winner gets to ride in the parade. Maybe they could follow up with a scavenger hunt booth during the actual celebration? Jeff suggested that the Candle be incorporate by ending the parade there. Michael stated there was another group they should include, and asked if there was a class reunion last summer? Pete replied there was a high school alumni association of sorts.

Pete asked who is on the subcommittees? Michael said whoever wants to meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and start standing up ideas. Pete asked for a show of hands to which all members raised their hands. Ivy asked for clarification on the point of the next meeting. Michael stated it was to go over action plan and get and give direction. Huell stated that if members can't attend in person, the City will get it set up virtually again as well. Pete said he will contact the Museum, Jeff said he will contact the Community Club and the Boosters through them, JJ said she would handle the



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Tribes of the Grand Ronde and contact Brian about filming, and Patty said she would contact the Schools.

Michael asked what the Committee wants to call the event. Kevin suggested founders' days. JJ said that she will work on naming too. Pete replied he would too.

Pete asked if the Committee was going to ask people and groups to come to subcommittee meetings. There was general agreement that this was the case.

### **3. Announcements and Next Meetings**

- October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020
- November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **4. Meeting was adjourned at 12.57 pm.**

For questions about these minutes, contact Isaac Butman, 503.543.7184, [ibutman@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:ibutman@cityofscappoose.org)

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