

Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 7:00 PM
City of Sugar Hill City Hall
Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Kathryn Baskin, chairman, convened the meeting at 7:01 PM and welcomed everyone.

Kathryn called for a motion to approve the agenda. Bill Harting made a motion to approve the agenda. Brandon Hembree seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

The following members, volunteers, and guests were in attendance:

NAME	TITLE
Kathryn Baskin*	Board Member/Chairman
Kathy Harting	Volunteer
Bill Harting	Board Member
Lindsay Davis*	Board Member
Darrell Pruitt	Board Member
Steve Samples	Board Member
Brandon Hembree	Board Member
Ryan Butts	Board Member
Margaret Neal*	Board Member
Joann Burel	Board Member/Treasurer

The following members were absent:

NAME	TITLE
Stephanie Isaacs*	Board Member/Vice Chairman
Tiffany Hale Carter*	Board Member
Varessa Butts	Volunteer
Ryckie Fernandez	Board Member
Kim Landers	City Liaison/Secretary

*Denotes committee chair

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Kathryn called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 18, 2021. Bill Harting made a motion to approve the minutes. Darrell Pruitt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Announcements

Kathryn Baskin honored Steve Samples on his appointment to the board. SHHPS presented Steve with a \$250 honorarium for his photography work.

Kathryn mentioned that for the next meeting to be on October 13, 2021, prior to Sugar Rush. Ryan Butts made a motion to move the meeting date for October 13, 2021. Lindsay Davis seconded the motion. The move was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Kathryn called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Joanne Burel advised that the \$100 invoice mentioned in the August meeting notes was the \$83.63 item on the agenda. Bill Harting made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ryan Butts seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sugar Rush Planning and Prep

Kathryn mentioned a concern about the smaller bags of pay dirt being enough for a two-day supply. Bill Harting will see how many bags of pay dirt are in the storage area before an order is placed. Bill is transferring the paydirt to the pump house to be closer to the site.

Darrell Pruitt made the motion to purchase \$350 worth additional bags of pay dirt, if necessary. Steve Samples seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kathryn is working with the new Sugar Rush staff to ensure the sluice box is near a water supply. She has a meeting scheduled to work on details.

Margaret Neal asked about the possibility of creating SHHPS labels for the bags. Lindsay offered to have students put the stickers on the bags. Bill will get the plastic bags we currently have. Kathryn will look to see if we have any stickers.

Bill Harting has the sluice box at his house. He has pressure washed it, and it looks much better. Bill and Ryan Butts will be sealing it. The pump is ready. It did not sustain major damage, but they are redesigning it and adding improvements. It should be finished and tested by next week.

Kathryn mentioned having a sign in the museum and for the sluice box for the Goldmine exhibit and hashtag challenge.

Lindsay Davis will create a sign-up genius for 2-hour blocks. There will be spaces for each time slot for SHHPS and student volunteers. There will also be places on the sign-up genius for someone to work the museum during the festival. Set up will be Friday night by Bill and Ryan.

Museum Committee

Because of changes at the city, there are many gaps in times for the museum. Hopefully when the city hires the next part time person, the schedule will be more consistent. Kathryn mentioned the possibility of moving volunteer hours to the weekend. More walk-ups are showing up when the downtown area is busy.

The city needs volunteers in other areas. A suggestion was made to make a plea to ask in the gas bill or online, if possible.

The gold rush exhibit will be ready for Sugar Rush on October 16. There will be signage made to announce the new exhibit. Kathryn and Stephanie Isaacs are researching the new exhibit. Kathryn is working on a new way to label each item in the exhibit. The exhibit will run through the end of the year.

Bill Harting offered some gold mining equipment for the exhibit.

Brandon Hembree will offer a presentation during the exhibit's run.

Cemetery Committee

Stephanie Isaacs has acquired a marker for James Lyles and is working on a ceremony.

This past Saturday, a candidate Eagle Scout began a project repairing old markers that are broken. Last week, there were several boy scouts working on one marker.

There is one more Eagle Scout working on the cemetery who will be turning the spreadsheet of veterans in the cemetery into the website. He will be compiling information from the veteran graves to see the conditions and see if they have a veteran marker.

Brandon Hembree is working with Megan Carnell to plan a Veteran's Day ceremony. We are also hosting Wreaths Across America again. Only 12 wreaths have been purchased, but Brandon will be sending out a link to purchase them.

New Business

Kathryn mentioned the possibility of giving out magnets at Sugar Rush. She is checking into options for magnets.

Lindsay and Ryan will host a giveaway if people post their magnets on social media and tag the museum.

Margaret Neal made a motion to budget \$100 for magnets. Darrell Pruitt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was no further business. Kathryn adjourned at 8:16 PM.