

FRUITA HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, August 2, 2021, 11:00 A.M.

FRUITA CIVIC CENTER

MINUTES

In-Person/Virtual meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendance: Dorrie Handley, Andrea Withrow, Denise Hight, Yvonne Peterson, Chris Endreson, Kyle Harvey and Brian Lochlaer

Excused Absent: None.

Staff Present: Henry Hemphill, Planner.

Guests Present:

Ed McLure – Lower Valley Heritage Room

Jay D. Muller, Bob Miller, Janielle Westermire – Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center

Chris called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

- Denise made a motion to approve the agenda.
- Andrea seconded the motion.
- No objections. Motion passed to approve the Agenda.

Andrea made a motion to approve the July 12th meeting minutes.

- Denise seconded the motion.
- No objections. Motion passed to approve the July 12th meeting minutes.

Kyle Harvey introduced the Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning (Moon Farm) item:

- July 2nd is when they closed on the Moon Farm property.
- Equine Assisted therapy is their primary focus as a non-profit organization.
- The group will continue to operate Moon Farm as usual and incorporate their organization within.
- Mesa County designated the Moon Farm property as a historic site. This will allow them to apply for grants.

- There could be an opportunity to coordinate with this organization for the History Fair. September 25th is the 1st day they will be open for the pumpkin patch which is open from 10am-7pm 7 days a week.
- The Board talked about whether or not they would want to have everything at Moon Farm.
 - The Board may like to have an opportunity to do something at Moon Farm at some point.
 - The History Fair is anticipated to be back on the regular schedule for year 2022.
 - Maybe there is an opportunity for the Board to do the history fair in both downtown and at Moon Farm.
 - Instead of being at Moon Farm, coordination for future events should be considered.
 - The Board agrees that having attendance at both the downtown area and at Moon Farm would be great.
 - Have a space available for Moon Farm promotion.
- The Board thought that it would be a good idea to walk the property ahead of time.

History Fair/Fall Fest brainstorming ideas (September 24th and 25th):

- Slide shows. 2 projectors and 2 screens.
- The Board would like to use much of the existing materials that have been used in the past.
- Set up Friday evening (September 24th) and open from 11am-3pm on Saturday (after the parade) and then head out to Moon Farm.
- Dedicate a table to Moon Farm and a table to Lower Valley Heritage Room.
- Have an information table available.
- The Board then looked through the Lower Valley Heritage Room for additional ideas.

Adjourned at 12:55pm.