

# City of Woodland

## Centennial Planning Committee

### 1906 to 2006

#### Minutes

November 3, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Mari Ripp. The following attended: Mari Ripp, Gloria Loughry, Margaret Colf Hepola, Joy Haasl, Vivian Mosby, Laurie Almer, AnnaBelle Bauman, Barb Karnis, Erin Thoeny, Kay Wood, Walt Hansen, Jim Graham, Benno Dobbe, Joyce Carlson, Candy Hayes.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) **Logo / Theme.** A logo and theme were selected by the Centennial Committee. The winner of the logo design was Jerry Gay. The theme is "embracing our past, anticipating our future" submitted by Jay and Lori Smith. Discussion followed regarding the logo design and some suggested minor modifications. It was suggested to make the logo into a circular shape, add a totem pole honoring the Indian descendents and also to add tulips, daffodils and lilacs to the logo. Mari Ripp will contact Jerry Gay to discuss the modifications. The committee concurred that Jerry should receive some compensation for the modifications.
- 2) **Banners.** The stationary, banners, etc. can be selected now that the logo and theme have been chosen. The banner committee will be getting style, design, pricing and delivery info.
- 3) **Coin / Mint.** Candy Hayes reported. A coin style and type was decided on and the committee is going to narrow down pricing and quantities. A bronze die cast coin in 2" or silver dollar size was selected. The Committee is also going to look at pricing for a keychain and possibly other memorabilia such as a souvenir cup.
- 4) **Dinner event.** Erin Thoeny reported and is co-chairing with Barbara Karnis. The Friends of the Library have volunteered to do the planning for the dinner event. The committee hopes to seat around 250 to 300 for the event, but needs to get a scaled drawing done with table sizes, etc. Mari Ripp will contact Public Works and Woodland School District to get a floor plan / drawing. It was decided that the meal will be a sit down dinner, catered and with servers. Pricing was obtained for table service and linens. The cost of tickets will be around \$25 per person (final price to be determined after all quotes come in.) The committee is going to get students from the high school clubs (if they are available and willing) for servers. Erin showed menus she obtained from 1906 as samples. The food will be a beef and chicken selection, baked potato, salad, dinner roll

and dessert. The dessert will be a cake from a local baker (Diana Trice) with the theme logo on it if possible.

- 5) **Entertainment.** The committee (Barbara Karnis) is contacting the Woodland music department to get some of the choir or jazz choir to do some songs; Mari Ripp will contact some fiddler(s) groups; Benno Dobbe will contact Bob Wallilia for some accordion music. Also will have some low ambient music for before and after the event.
- 6) **Speakers.** Committee agreed to ask Doug Monge, Mayor, to be Master of Ceremonies. The committee would also like to get someone to do some oral history and a reading or two. *\*Looking for ideas.*
- 7) **History & Displays.** Displays at the dinner event will be set up in the perimeter of the gym facility and also in the alcove / entryway. The facility scale drawing will depict where and how much space we will have.

Barbara Chester contacted Mari Ripp and reported that the Lilac Gardens has many photos and items in their possession that they are willing to loan. They are putting together an old telephone book display for the event.

Margaret Hepola reported that Clyde Schurman is interested in sharing his displays and historical photos. Mary Jo Kellar has also been in contact with the Schurman family.

It was decided that themes will be used on each display, i.e. schools-classes, clubs and sports, historic homes, businesses, telephone books (by the Lilac Gardens), past council & mayors, city departments (fire, police, etc.), floods, Horseshoe Lake Park, Ralph & Shirley Bozorth Indian display, VFW, Grange (civic organizations), etc.; just to name a few. Will also ask the Cowlitz and Clark Historical Museums to assist in setting up the layout for the displays.

Also, Mari Ripp will contact Bob Nevil to see if he will loan the old historic photos he has from the bank.

The committee is still working on compiling a list of old buildings and homes. Photos are coming in. A request to bring in family history was published in the "Lewis River Review" – October, 2005 edition. Gloria Loughry will scan any photos or articles that are brought in.

- 8) **Video production.** Moving ahead on a RFP for the video production of the history. The video will be shown at the dinner event. Copies will also be available to purchase. Mari Ripp assigned.
- 9) **Tulip festival.** Benno Dobbe is lining up a historical tractor display from John Deere.
- 10) **Reunion.** Margaret Hepola and committee are still working on an alumni reunion.

- 11) **Sculpture.** The sculpture committee is contacting an artist for a conceptual design
- 12) **Budget.** Announced the City Council awarded a \$20,000 budget to the Centennial Committee. Some revenue will be generated from sales. Discussed ideas for fundraising. The committee will be looking into obtaining prizes from businesses and doing ticket raffle sales (up to \$5,000 per gambling commission regulations.)
- 13) **Other New Business:**
  - a. Contact other agencies, such as the Port to partner in some of the events and expenses.
  - b. Contact the local Quilting group (with Roberta Peterson and Barbara Harsh) to do a quilt for the Centennial.
  - c. Contact a photographer to do some photos at the dinner event that people can purchase. Seated photos and also a backdrop for stand up photos.
  - d. Joyce Carlson, Lilac Gardens reported that they want to produce a “Centennial Cookbook” with local family recipes and maybe some narratives about the family included in it. The Committee supports the concept of this project.

**Dates to remember:**

March 4, 2006- Centennial Dinner event at Primary School  
March 5, 2006- Centennial Displays/ open house  
April 8, 9, 15, 16, 2006 – Tulip Festival (also April 20<sup>th</sup> Chamber After Hours.)  
April 15-May 8<sup>th</sup> – Lilac Days  
April 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – International Lilac Festival with Woodland hosting  
June 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – Planter’s Days  
September 16<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival

**Next meetings:**

Note: The meeting location is moved due to schedule conflicts at City Hall

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall, 404 Davidson Avenue, Woodland  
Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall  
Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall  
Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.