



**CITY OF DERBY**  
**MEETING OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2017**  
**4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

- a. Members Absent: Rhonda Cott, Carol Keller, Chrissy Gann, David Foster, Leigh Bellinger, Linda Sessions, Kristin Sen, Mary Dameron and Susan Swaney

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. A. Committee Reports**

- a. Book – Kristy Norman
  - Scanned 100+ photos and setting more appointments. Need photos from 1930s to present.
  - Planning a booth at the Dec. 2, 2017 Farmer’s Market at the Pavilion at Madison Avenue Central Park to raise awareness of the book project.
- b. Research – Feryl Baxter
  - Researching issues as other committees make requests. Finding photos.
- c. Events – Paula Downs
  - Developing a master calendar to avoid conflicting events
  - Co-branding current events
    - 1. Kickoff: Derby Community Foundation’s Uncorked – Feb. 23
    - 2. Finale: Derby Chamber of Commerce’s Taste of Derby – Oct. 24
  - Planning new events
    - 1. Considering a Talent Fest
    - 2. No golf tournament or carnival
    - 3. Considering a Sesquicentennial King, Queen & their court
    - 4. Events Committee includes representatives from the DRC, Senior Center, Optimist Club, Chamber and others. Other groups welcome and being invited (USD, Library, Lions Club, etc.)
    - 5. After Paula’s report, various members of the Task Force made suggestions to consider a special event at Rock River Rapids and a school music fest instead of the regular Spring concert.
- d. Historical Landmarks – Bill Smith
  - Plan to have plaques around town marking historical sites and a brochure to overview all sites; determining sites now.

- Example: planning a plaque at the Derby Police & Court Building to feature the former business district that was in this vicinity decades ago.
- Example: planning a plaque at the current Derby Historical Museum to commemorate the former school at this site that provided all grades of public education for decades until multiple schools were constructed in the 1950s.
- Example: planning a plaque at El Paso Cemetery to highlight community founders who are buried there.

**4. B. Starting the Work of the Video Committee**

- a. Kristy Bansemer announced planning for the content and format of the videos has begun. A videographer from KPTS Channel 8 will be involved. She showed example videos from Stone Mountain, Georgia (2:21), Moore, Oklahoma (2:14) and Lenexa, Kansas (5:22).
- b. Task Force members discussed the purpose of the videos as a mixture of relaying history (70%) and promoting the community (30%) to newcomers and visitors. Members liked the idea of several short videos/episodes and discussed the value of being able to use some videos beyond 2019. Content was brainstormed to possibly include stories about Carrie Nation’s Women’s Temperance Union and Presbyterian church members running the bar out of town, the 1934 fire and the heroic action by a switchboard operator, the bank robbery, the Garretts trekking across country in their covered wagon after hearing about the Garden Spot of Kansas, and how the town came to be named El Paso and why it changed to Derby. Also recommended was Kristy could get some ideas from the video made about 4 years ago about Derby High School.

**3. C. Set Meeting Dates for 2018**

- a. January 8, 2018
- b. March 19, 2018
- c. May 14, 2018
- d. July 16, 2018
- e. September 17, 2018
- f. November 5, 2018

**3.D. Other Business - none**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action Items before Next Meeting: Everyone add 2018 meetings to your calendars. Committees continue their work. The Chamber of Commerce will report at the Jan. 8 meeting about its planned involvement in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**