



*Thomas Dove Keizur Statue Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall*

Chair McGee called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Committee attendance:

Present:

Jerry McGee, Chair
Jacque Moir, Vice Chair
Mark Caillier
Terri Hoag
Barbara Clement

Staff:

Kevin Watson, Assistant to the City Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

Arlette Johnson
Bob Stai
Lynn Toms
John Blake
Jim Taylor
Visitor Association Rep.
Position Vacant

Review of the Rider & Saddle of T.D. Keizur Statue ~ Artist Gareth Curtiss distributed photographs of the horse for committee review. The clay rendition of Thomas Dove Keizur and the saddle were presented to the committee for review. Mr. Curtiss explained the process for casting the bronze in detail and pointed out various areas he felt needed to be adjusted to make them more realistic. Additionally, he shared pictures of the horse being used for the model noting that the statue is based on the exact measurements of the model except for making the legs thicker so that they will show up better. Discussion followed regarding various details of the horse portion of the statue.

Each committee member then provided feedback regarding the entire statue with discussion taking place regarding

- **The hands:** Mr. Curtiss explained that they could have potentially been damaged in transit so the hands on the statue are not the ones he would use; those will have a great deal more character. He will send photographs of the hands.
- **Additional wrinkles:** Mr. Curtiss explained that he had broadened the beard and done more detailing including adding pouches under the eyes. However, he noted that the photograph was taken in Salem and showed a young-looking 50ish man, not weathered.
- **The lasso/lariate:** Mr. Caillier suggested that it look like braided rawhide and Mr. Curtis agreed.
- **The boots:** Mr. Caillier pointed out that the boots should have a seam up the back. Committee also recommended that adjustment be made to ensure that it did not look like the boots were on the wrong feet. Mr. Curtiss agreed to add the seam and noted that boots from this period were usually made identically and

took the shape of the foot with wear. He added, however, that he would adjust the boot that looked wrong.

- **Initials on the saddle:** Mr. Curtiss agreed to put initials on the saddlebag to look like a brand. They will be approximately 1/4" wide and 1/16" deep.
- **Spurs:** Mr. Curtiss explained that this was a period of transition that was affected by input from the Santa Fe area, however, Mr. Keizur was originally from the east and it would be logical that his riding style would not change so his spurs would reflect his riding style. He suggested 1" round spurs.
- **Rifle cock:** Mr. Curtiss explained that the rifle is half cocked because on six-shooters they kept the hammer on a blank and rifles were kept half cocked so that the hammer was not directly on top of live ammunition.
- **Canteen:** Ms. Moir suggested that a strap be included around the canteen. Mr. Curtiss agreed to do this.
- **Saddle horn:** Mr. Watson suggested that a hole be put in the top of the saddle horn to allow for placement of irises in during the iris festival. All committee members present opposed this idea.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations discussed be passed.

Mr. Curtiss agreed to send the committee photos as he makes the adjustments. He explained difficulties he had encountered dealing with the weight of the tail on the horse noting that the tail will have to wait until just before making the molds. Discussion then took place regarding payment with Mr. McGee pointing out that the financial end is the responsibility of the City government, not the committee.

Additional discussion took place regarding the completion date with Mr. Curtiss assuring the committee that it would be done on time.

Mr. Curtiss noted, however, that the base for the statue is 32" too long. Mr. Watson responded that he would work with Mr. Curtiss on this and check the plans.

Motion passed unanimously as follows: McGee, Moir, Caillier, Hoag and Clement in favor with Johnson, Stai, Blake, Toms and Taylor absent and one position vacant.

Chair McGee noted that he would give a report under Public Testimony at the next Council meeting and that Kevin Watson would give the staff report. Mr. Curtiss agreed to leave the statue for Council review.

Ted Keizur attended the meeting and voiced enthusiasm for the statue. He added that he was honored to represent the Keizur family and that his grandfather lived in Keizer from 1908 to 1998 and was the last Keizur to be born in the city.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Next Meeting ~ To be Determined

Minutes approved:

10-28-09