

CITY OF PACIFIC
Meramec Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes
300 Hoven Dr
Pacific, MO 63069
February 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Call to order: The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Titter.

Present for the Meramec Valley Historical Society: Chairman Jeff Titter, Bonnie Post, Lori Perdew, Mike Gallagher.

Absent: Dennis Oliver, Jeanne Bandermann.

City Staff: Tourism Director O'Malley, Alderman Lesh, Building Department Clerk Bauguess.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mike Gallagher, seconded by Lori Perdew to approve the minutes with corrections. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

Public Participation

New Business-

A. Plaque update,

Tourism Director O'Malley reported that the seven standalone plaques from Ziglin have been installed and have received many compliments. She mentions the porcelain plaques designated for buildings will be installed once the weather warms up. She states that overall, the completed plaques look very nice and have generated positive feedback. She reports the new quotes that of the \$7,500 project budget, approximately \$5,000 is available for plaques, with the remaining funds reserved for pamphlets/maps. She mentions the six locations were previously suggested. She states that Brun's updated quote increased by \$50, bringing the cost to \$730 per porcelain plaque, including installation. She states the quote from Ziglin for two standalone plaques totaled nearly \$2,000, reflecting a smaller discount than previous larger orders. She reported that both pricing options were included in the meeting packet for review in case additional plaques are considered in the future. Discussion was made. She also attached information in the packet detailing potential locations, including the history, names, photos, and addresses of the buildings. Bonnie Post asked for clarification on whether the name "Graze Catering" had previously been ruled out in favor of referring to the site as the "Quonset Huts. Chairman Jeff Titter stated that a better photo of the Birdsong Building will be obtained. **Motion by Bonnie Post, seconded by Lori Perdew, to approve changing the name from Graze Catering to Quonset Hut. A voice vote was taken, all in favor. Motion carried.**

B. Review new quotes

Tourism Director O'Malley asked the board for clarification on how they would like to proceed, specifically whether to move forward with the proposed buildings and whether to select the smaller plaques or another option. Chairman Jeff Titter stated that porcelain plaques are suitable for the project. Alderman Lesh noted errors in the budget. Discussion followed. No errors were found.

C. Review historical research for plaques

Chairman Jeff Titter stated that research will be conducted to obtain better photos of the building complex.

Old Business-

A. Update on Sue Reed's book

Tourism Director O'Malley reported that 50 copies of the book Retrospect have been received, with one sold so far. The books are available for purchase at Red Cedar, are individually wrapped, well-bound, and of high quality. She encouraged attendees to purchase them.

Reports

City Administrator Lee Litterell introduced himself and expressed his pleasure at attending his first meeting. He invited attendees to visit him at any time.

A. Director Report-

Tourism Director O'Malley attached her monthly report to the meeting packet. Ms. O'Malley reported that January was a record month, with 990 visitors more than any previous January. Revenue nearly doubled compared to last January, despite the Route 66 Association meeting being moved to April. She highlighted the success of the new joint catalog with Eureka and Wildwood and praised staff for engaging social media posts on historical buildings, which are generating public interest. She states upcoming events include a local author book signing at Red Cedar on January 21 (free event), a tour bus visit in June, and preparations for the 250th anniversary celebration in March and a one-time 250th anniversary Fourth of July parade. She noted positive community engagement, including visitors influenced by social media posts, such as a family who spent over two hours exploring the site.

B. Aldermen Report-

Alderman Lesh stated that he had no report.

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

Motion made by Lori Perdew, seconded by Mike Gallagher. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

Next meeting will be March 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.