

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council** meeting held Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7:03 p.m. in the
2 Centerville City Hall Council Chambers, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Council Members Ronald G. Russell, Mayor
7 Justin Y. Allen
8 Ken S. Averett
9 John T. Higginson
10 Sherri Lyn Lindstrom
11 Lawrence Wright

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13 **STAFF PRESENT**

14 Steve Thacker, City Manager
15 Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager
16 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
17 Neal Worsley, Centerville Police Chief
18 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

19 **VISITORS**

Interested citizens (see attached sign-in sheet)

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21 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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23 **PRAYER OR THOUGHT**

Lynn Briggs, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

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25 **OPEN SESSION**

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27 Merrilee Tibolla – Ms. Tibolla thanked the Council for keeping the Whitaker Museum up
28 and running. She recently visited the Museum on a third-grade fieldtrip with her son. The
29 children enjoyed seeing what was used in the past, and she heard positive comments from
30 other adults on the fieldtrip.

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32 Bruce Powell – Mr. Powell read aloud a letter written by Ann Allred, expressing her
33 opinion that the Whitaker Museum is a treasure and an invaluable resource for those
34 researching historical roots. Many people would love to have access to the information that is
35 stashed away at the Museum. For himself, Mr. Powell expressed a feeling of disappointment
36 that Centerville has become just like every other city with regards to traffic and business. As a
37 former member of the Planning Commission he had hoped that Centerville would remain unique
38 and different. He feels the Whitaker Museum has become a heart for Centerville. Providing
39 funds to continue the vision is critical. He joined the Whitaker Museum Board hoping to help
40 improve the community. He views the Whitaker Museum as a massive training center for
41 Centerville and the world to let them know this is a different place. He appreciates the many
42 demands on the City budget. After one year working with the Museum he has found the heart
43 of the community.

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45 Nancy Smith – Ms. Smith thanked Steve Thacker, Blaine Lutz, and staff for the time they
46 have given to the Whitaker Board. She feels one of the great accomplishments of the Board in
47 the past year has been compiling a binder containing the history and stories told and shared in
48 tours. The City has had the Museum for 19 years but never had anything in writing to pass on.
49 The contents of the binder are studied and memorized by Museum tour guides. Ms. Smith is
50 grateful to be a part of the Museum and is appreciative of the Council members. She hopes the
51 Council understands how strongly the Board feels about making the Museum what it can be.
52 She gave the Mayor a letter written by a Centerville citizen to be included in the record.

1 Janice Castleton – Ms. Castleton is a representative of the Daughters of the Utah
2 Pioneers (DUP) in Centerville. The purpose of the DUP is to preserve history and collect
3 artifacts. The City has invested a great deal of money in the Whitaker Museum, which makes
4 her happy because it is part of what we stand for. She agreed with what the other ladies said in
5 the open session. It is wonderful to have young people interested in what pioneers and the first
6 people here had to take care of. The City has put a big financial investment in the home and it
7 is important to keep it going. She suggested that if the Council cannot find the funds to pay for
8 one person to be the director, they reduce the number of days the Christmas lights are lit to
9 save money to fund a director. She feels if we don't learn from the past we will have a bad
10 future.

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12 Lisa Sommers – Ms. Sommers read a letter written by a Centerville citizen thanking the
13 City for the Mother's Day Tea held in May at the Whitaker Museum. As a Board member, she
14 truly wants to know what the Council's vision is for the Museum.

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16 Lisa Buckmiller – Ms. Buckmiller reported that the State Historic Preservation Office
17 would like to nominate the Whitaker Museum for an award at the State History Conference.
18 Along with that award, they would like to present the Museum to the National Park Service as a
19 CLG grant success story. She stated that Don Hartley, historical architect with the State
20 Division of History, expressed he has seen many grant projects completed, the doors closed,
21 and the buildings never utilized. The success of the Whitaker Museum will be not just in the
22 physical building. The success is in the ongoing projects and activities going on in the
23 community. In order to protect the investment, he feels someone with understanding,
24 commitment, education and caliber is needed to manage and direct the affairs of the Museum.
25 The City needs to offer a salary desirable enough to attract someone to undertake these
26 responsibilities. Speaking for herself, Ms. Buckmiller has seen a lot of hard work and success
27 at the Museum. It is amazing to see the citizens who have come together with passion to
28 preserve the Museum. She encouraged the Council to not make the Whitaker Museum a failure
29 by lacking the vision to see that someone is needed to manage the Museum. The activities and
30 programs cannot continue to be managed solely on a volunteer basis.

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32 Andy Bavelas – Mr. Bavelas did a lot of research and put together a list of the benefits
33 gained from having a professional museum director. He distributed the information to the
34 Council.

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36 Stephanie Ivie – Ms. Ivie thanked the Council for the ordinance passed in 2011
37 increasing the number of chickens allowed in Residential-Low (R-L) Zones. She loves the
38 hometown feeling and roots of Centerville City. She feels the City benefits by having the
39 Whitaker Museum.

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41 Councilman Wright thanked those who have spoken on behalf of the Whitaker Museum.
42 He expressed appreciation for the Whitaker Museum Board and the hope that the Council will
43 give them the little bit they are asking for when considering the budget.

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45 **FY 2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

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47 Steve Thacker, City Manager, explained to those present that the City Council has
48 decided not to enact an increase in property tax to fund City services at this time. Several
49 funding changes may occur in the future that would increase the amount available to the City to
50 fund services. The Tentative Budget does not include an increase in compensation for elected
51 officials. Compensation to appointed officials is included in the Centerville Employee
52 Compensation Plan. No automatic cost of living increases are given. Increases are awarded

1 based on performance. Mr. Thacker explained the Salary Administration Guidelines, as well as
2 the State requirements regarding Justice Court Judge salary increases.

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4 At 7:47 p.m. Mayor Russell opened a public hearing for those who wish to comment on
5 the FY 2014 Tentative Budget.

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7 Garth Heer – Mr. Heer stated we are living in a time when Federal taxes are going up by
8 leaps and bounds while we are still in a recession. Many people in the City have not received
9 raises for many years. A lot of seniors are on fixed incomes, and a lot of people maintaining
10 families are working for minimum wage. The Council needs to remember that the citizenry is
11 not a bottomless reservoir, and exercise a lot of restraint. Mr. Heer urged the Council to reduce
12 the proposed City employee raises below the 2%, and not look at it as an automatic thing. He
13 urged the Council to cut our needs to meet our means. He referred to the budget message sent
14 to all citizens and the idea of raising property taxes. He urged the Council to not make the
15 position of Museum director a paid position. He feels it should be handled through an election
16 or appointment, and thinks it would be a great opportunity to find someone to do it for free. He
17 urged the Council to exercise great restraint and take into account that taxes are going up in all
18 areas. He hopes the City will use creative and innovative means to avoid raising taxes.

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20 Stephanie Ivie – Ms. Ivie is allergic to fluoride. She stands in line at the Church Well to
21 get water without fluoride in it. She realizes that fluoride in the water came about because of a
22 ballot, and she knows the City pays for the fluoride. She asked that the amount paid for the
23 fluoride be added as a line item in the budget to show how much the City pays for something
24 that is harmful to many.

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26 Garth Heer – Mr. Heer commented that fluoride is harmful to many people. He added
27 that Vitamin C is beneficial, but Vitamin C is not being added to the water. He feels it is not
28 good policy to fluoridate the water. He would support any motion to put fluoride on the ballot
29 again.

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31 Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

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33 **RDA MEETING**

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35 At 7:59 p.m. Councilman Wright made a **motion** to move to a meeting of the Centerville
36 Redevelopment Agency. Councilwoman Lindstrom seconded the motion, which passed by
37 unanimous vote (5-0). In attendance were: Ronald G. Russell, Chair; John T. Higginson, Vice-
38 Chair; Directors Allen, Averett, Lindstrom, and Wright; Steve Thacker, RDA Executive Director;
39 Blaine Lutz, Finance Director; Lisa Romney, City Attorney; and Katie Rust, Recording
40 Secretary.

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42 The Council returned to regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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44 **CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF FIRE AGENCY OFFICIALS TO DESIGNATE**
45 **RESTRICTED AREA FOR FIREWORKS FOR 2013 – CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06**

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47 State law has changed a little this year regarding fireworks. The Fire District
48 recommends the same restricted areas for 2013 that were imposed in 2012 – east of 400 East
49 south of Chase Lane, and east of Main Street north of Chase Lane. Councilman Wright asked
50 how the restriction will be enforced in the unincorporated areas. Chief Worsley responded
51 fireworks are restricted in the unincorporated areas by State law. Enforcement will fall to
52 whatever authority sees violations. The Forest Service and County will have enforcement

1 officers patrolling during fireworks season. Councilman Wright asked if the City will be
2 reimbursed for enforcement on County or Forest Service property. Chief Worsley stated police
3 departments typically do not get reimbursed for that type of enforcement. Councilman Averett
4 commented that enforcement falls under the cross-services agreement. Chief Worsley agreed.
5 Councilman Wright stated he would like to see if there is a way to work with other services to be
6 reimbursed if they are going to count on Centerville City police to do their work for them.
7 Councilman Wright asked Chief Worsley to find out what enforcement plans the Forest Service
8 and the County have in place for fireworks season. Councilwoman Lindstrom feels that citizens
9 will call and help with enforcement because they will not want the fire hazards and risks.
10 Councilman Higginson felt the signs placed throughout the City last year that indicated where
11 fireworks were prohibited were a good idea. Chief Worsley added that less water will be
12 available this year to fight fires.

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14 Councilwoman Lindstrom made a **motion** to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-06, designating
15 a restricted area in Centerville City for the discharge of fireworks. Councilman Averett
16 seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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18 **REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF REGARDING DEER PROBLEM**

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20 Chief Worsley has received a number of complaints about groups of deer eating flower
21 and vegetable gardens in the area from 100 North to 600 South and 300 East to 700 East. The
22 area is very populated dwelling wise. The Chief has spoken to several residents who want the
23 deer gone and have tried various measures recommended by the Division of Wildlife Resources
24 with no success. Chief Worsley explained pilot Urban Deer Removal Programs being tried by
25 Bountiful City and Highland City. Participation in an Urban Deer Removal Program would
26 require a survey of citizens to determine whether there is support and how much of a reduction
27 is desired. The Council would need to pass an ordinance that prohibits anyone from feeding the
28 deer, they would need to define the area for removal, and provide the Division of Wildlife
29 Services with a map of the area. The City would also need to provide a place to clean and
30 process the deer. The State owns the deer, and after the specified steps are taken there would
31 be no additional costs to the City. The easiest option for the City is to allow home owners to
32 place 8-foot fences to protect their gardens at their own expense. Mayor Russell has received
33 two or three emails regarding the deer, and asked Chief Worsley how big a problem it is. Chief
34 Worsley responded that six or seven home owners have complained in the last two months.
35 The Chief suggested watching what happens with the Urban Deer Removal Programs in other
36 cities before deciding whether Centerville should participate.

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38 Councilman Wright suggested it is important to educate citizens about not feeding the
39 deer. Mayor Russell agreed with Councilman Wright's suggestion, and stated the deer situation
40 could be monitored over time to gauge the extent of the problem. Councilman Higginson
41 commented that there will be complaints whether the City takes the position of removing the
42 deer or allowing them to stay. The citizens with food gardens are the most impacted.
43 Councilman Averett asked if an ordinance to outlaw feeding the deer would be legitimate. Chief
44 Worsley responded it would be legitimate and is a good idea. The Chief is interested in looking
45 at doing whatever we can to help. Councilman Averett asked staff to explore the possibility of
46 adopting an ordinance banning the feeding of deer. Other council members indicated support
47 for the request.

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49 At 8:38 p.m. the Council took a short recess and returned at 8:47 p.m.

REPORT AND DISCUSSION ABOUT POTENTIAL USE OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

The Council requested at a previous meeting that staff gather information regarding the use of reserve police officers by nearby cities. Chief Worsley was hired as a reserve officer in Centerville in 1983, but the reserve program was eventually dropped. He reported what other agencies in Davis County are doing regarding reserve officers and VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service). Layton has VIPS who function as ride-alongs, help with traffic issues, and are assigned a radio after a period of time. They are not involved in any kind of crime case. Bountiful has a reserve program that is paid hourly for approximately 16-20 hours per month – mostly retired Bountiful officers who want to stay certified. Syracuse is doing away with their reserve program because it takes too long to certify them. Woods Cross has one unpaid reserve officer who is a retired officer desiring to keep his certification up-to-date.

Chief Worsley stated he is asking for an additional officer who can work solo year-round to help cover shifts. He is needing a completely trained officer. Councilman Wright commented that he asked Chief Worsley to look into using reserve police officers to free up the time of existing full-time officers. He agrees with Councilwoman Lindstrom that the Police Department needs more support and wanted to look at ways to free up the resources already available. Steve Thacker showed the Council a letter he received from URMMA in 1998 regarding the required level of officer certification for liability purposes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Council and Mayor are invited to a tour of the Weber Basin Water System on Friday, July 7th.
- The Marketplace Fairness Act, involving internet sales tax, was passed in the United States Senate and has moved on to the House for consideration.
- Centerville has been urged by the Governor's office to review regulation of City businesses to repeal any unnecessary regulations to make Utah a business friendlier place. Centerville will reach out to local business to find out if there is anything that could be changed or repealed.
- Planning for the 4th of July celebration is moving forward. The celebration this year will include a traditional breakfast as well as a chalk-art sidewalk display.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Council could have a fieldtrip to the Centerville gun range prior to the next regular Council meeting if a budget work session is not necessary that evening.
- Staff has discussed the topic of street lighting and recommends undertaking a comprehensive review of street lighting throughout the city.
- At a previous meeting Councilman Wright asked what impact an earthquake would have on the water reservoirs in the Centerville. Randy Randall, Public Works Director, informed Mr. Thacker that the greatest impact of earthquakes on the water system would be severing the pipelines across the fault line. Three of the City reservoirs are above the fault line and three are below. Mr. Randall believes that with the valve system in place the City could be serviced with the three below the fault line. Damage to a reservoir could occur in the event of an earthquake, but is minimal compared to possible damage if the Weber Basin pipeline were to break.
- Mr. Thacker reported that the pump station to be built over the new well on Chase Lane will be similar in appearance to the pump station at the Church Well, with white stucco exterior. The Planning Commission will review the site plan on June 12th.

Nearby homeowners are supportive. Fluoride is added to the water at the pump stations. Councilman Averett asked how an accidental release of the fluoride could potentially affect the residents of nearby homes. Steve Thacker responded the equipment is in a highly regulated environment, with little or no risk. Councilman Wright asked staff to find out the danger of a fluoride release in the event of an earthquake. Councilwoman Lindstrom asked how difficult it would be to provide another non-fluoridated water source similar to the Church Well. Mr. Thacker stated it is expensive, and Mr. Lutz added that the Church Well actually consists of two wells, one that produces water that is treated, and one that produces water that is not treated. Mr. Griffiths has agreed to maintain the landscaping around the facility in exchange for his continued use of a fire pit on the City's portion of the property.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- Councilman Allen made a **motion** to move the Tuesday, June 18 Council meeting to Wednesday, June 19. Councilwoman Lindstrom seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
- The Council will hold a budget work session on June 11 at 8:30 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The minutes of the Tuesday, May 21, 2013 Budget work session, the May 21, 2013 Council meeting, and the May 28, 2013 Budget work session were reviewed. Councilwoman Lindstrom made a **motion** to approve all three sets of minutes. Councilman Allen seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

CLOSED MEETING

At 9:25 p.m. Councilwoman Lindstrom made a **motion** to move into a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the purchase and sale of real property. Councilman Allen seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0). In attendance were: Ronald G. Russell, Mayor; Council members Allen, Averett, Higginson, Lindstrom, and Wright; Steve Thacker, City Manager; Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager; Lisa Romney, City Attorney; and Katie Rust, Recording Secretary.

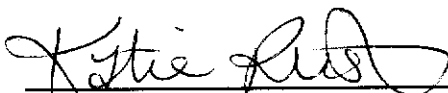
The Council returned to regular meeting at 9:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:43 p.m. Councilwoman Lindstrom made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Higginson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).


Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

6-19-13
Date Approved


Katie Rust, Recording Secretary



CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 4, 2013
7:00 p.m.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

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WHITAKER FARMHOUSE

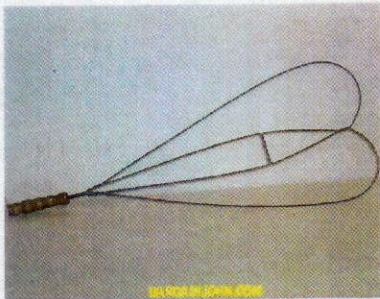
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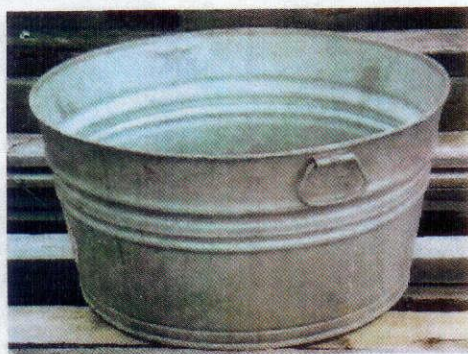
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RUG BEATER

PIE SAVER



WASH TUB

SPINNING WHEEL



BUTTER CHURN



Please read the following letter as per my request at Tuesday Night's Council Meeting

To Mayor Ron Russell

City Manager Steve Thacker

And all Councilmen : Justin Allen , Ken Averett, John
Higginson, Sherri Lindstrom, and Larry
Wright .

Please consider my plea, concerning the historic Thomas Whitaker Farmhouse.

I am currently serving as a volunteer docent for Centerville City and my specific assignments are for the student school tours from elementary age through high school. I also have worked the land and grown a garden for the last four years on the back lot of the Whitaker property. In doing so I have watched many comings and goings over the years and so much change. I am truly amazed at the metamorphosis that has taken place in the last 12 months.

That is why I stepped forward and volunteered this year, to help educate students about Centerville's history and pioneers.

Truthfully it comes to me naturally because my mother, Mary Ellen Smoot and Marilyn Sherriff compiled Centerville's first

published history in the book, 'The City In Between'.

Remembering why we have what we have and why this town is such a remarkable place to live, has so much to do with THEM; those pioneers of Centerville. Hence, increasing that knowledge base with more information, stories and hands-on experience, opens up opportunities for students to feel more gratitude, for who these people were, how hard they worked, how industrious and ingenious they were and what they wanted from this city called Centerville.

As I have studied and memorized my historical facts and scripts and subsequently given school tours, my appreciation for what this Whitaker home stands for has markedly increased. I have lived in Centerville for almost 60 years now and know there is much for these students to glean from as they tour and learn more about past generations. This home is far more than an nice old structure and the property around it. It is a SYMBOL of something so much greater.

I created a little Whitaker Farmhouse "I Spy" activity that the younger students do and provides them ideas on what to write about as they return to their classrooms.

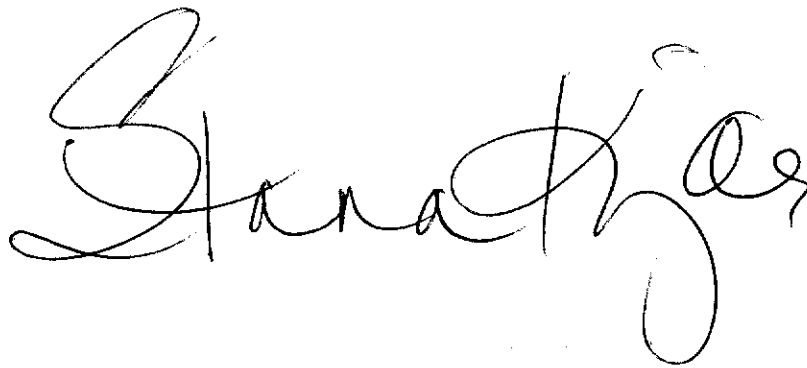
Please do not allow the momentum and increased interest of this historic home and the history of Centerville to decline because of

your vote. Please give it the support it needs to be managed and marketed. We need a director and a scheduler which includes a marketing aspect, that as of late, has record numbers of people coming through.

I so appreciate all that you do for our community and know that you have Centerville's well being and interest at heart. Please consider carefully our requests and do not allow past issues and problems with the Whitaker home staff to get in the way of making the right choice for the Historic Whitaker Farmhouse.

With much love and appreciation to you all ,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stana Kjar". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "S" and a prominent "K".