

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Meeting #117

Date: 11-14-2023

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Lowell Parks Office: 12996 Iowa Ave, Nampa, ID 83686

Commission Members: George DeFord, Jr (Attorney), Zachary Wesley (Attorney), Bruce Poe (Architect), Nikki Gorrell (Anthropologist), Justin Vance (Historian), Vicki Stark (Archaeologist), Nicki Schwend (Archaeologist)

In Attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicki Schwend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dylon Starry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicki Stark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juli McCoy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George DeFord, Jr	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zachary Wesley	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Poe	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nikki Gorrell	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justin Vance	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Pemble	<input type="checkbox"/>

Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Introductions**
- **Approve Minutes:** Oct 10th, 2023 (Meeting #116)
 - Bruce Motioned to approve
 - George seconded
 - Approved by unanimous consensus
- Idaho Archaeological Society 49th Annual Conference—Nov 4th at University of Idaho's Water Center in Boise, ID
 - Nikki attended – it was a fairly good conference, but attendance could have been better with more advertising
- Great Basin Anthropology Conference, Bend, OR, Oct 18-21st
 - First Peoples of Great Salt Lake, A Cultural Landscape from Nevada to Wyoming by Steven R Simms – a new book that features Celebration Park as an ideal location to see the Bonneville Flood Melon Gravel and petroglyphs.
 - Features photographs by Allen Baxter – Nicki displayed these pictures
- NWEEB 8th Annual Symposium returns to BSU Oct 13-15th
 - (Northwest Evolution Ecology & Human Behavior)
 - No one in the group was able to attend

- Action Item: Consider adding public comment regarding the following.
 - BLM seeking input on proposed Silver City National Historic Site
 - <https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-input-proposed-silver-city-national-historic-site>
 - The 90-day public comment period closes on Jan. 16, 2024.
 - Nikki is going to seek out more information before we act on this. This Action Item will be moved to the January 9th meeting
 - Nicki encouraged people to submit their own personal comments or share the proposal for others to make comment in support of this historic site and its access to visitors and recreationists
- Nicki received an email from Preservation Idaho and wanted to share the following information:
 - Idaho Architecture Project — <https://www.idahoarchitectureproject.org/>
 - Matching gift challenge — <https://www.preservationidaho.org/memberships-donations-matching>

General Grant Status Updates (administered grants and received grants) -reviewed by Nicki

- SHPO Fy2023 HPC grant award agreement signed by the BOCC
 - Snake River Canyon Assessment and Survey
 - Once the signed copy is returned by the State, we can move forward with seeking a professional to move forward with this grant

FY22 Grants Closed:

- Warhawk Air Museum –
 - Virtual 360 Platform
 - Emailed for closeout report and proof of receipts – documents received, Nicki just needs to ‘close’ the digital and physical files

FY22 Grants Still Open:

- DFNWR
 - Remaining funds from Resource Management Plan (\$1065) requested to be used for signage
 - Awaiting return of signed scope change document
- Middleton
 - Historic Survey of Downtown – Extension granted: 23-119
 - Preservation Plan – Extension granted: 23-121
- Upper Snake River Tribes – met on site at Celebration Park with sign designer 10/10/2023

FY23 Grants Closed:

- Canyon County HS
 - Nampa Train Depot Museum Building Mortar Repair/Re-grouting
 - Awarded \$32,709
 - File closed, all expenses documented and accounted for

FY23 Grants Still Open:

- Nampa Public Library Foundation

- Nampa Oral History Discovery Transcription
 - Awarded \$7,627
 - Remaining funds of \$440 – waiting to hear back if there’s anything else associated with this project the funds could be presented to be used for
- Historical Society of Middleton
 - Interpretive Sign for Lee Moberly Museum Grounds
 - Awarded \$6,900
 - Requesting extension
- Other Business
 - Nikki mentioned that the Warhawk Air Museum is expanding to recognize young veterans and the global war on terror
 - Bruce talked about the condemnation of the historic Union Block Building in downtown Boise
 - He will try to get more information about this situation
 - Nikki proposed that the December meeting become an Annual Luncheon in conjunction with the Southwest Idaho RC&D annual luncheon in lieu of our regular business meeting
 - This will be on December 12th
 - Nicki will work out details and get back to everyone
 - In previous years we’ve had to cancel the January meeting due to lack of quorum
 - Its decided that there should be enough board members to hold the January meeting
 - The January 9th meeting will occur as scheduled
 - Bruce suggested we take a pole to see if everyone is interested in changing the meeting time of the HPC meetings in the new year
 - Nicki will work up a doodle poll for board members to respond to
- Adjourn 7:26pm