

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Meeting #120

Date: 03-12-2024

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"/> Chelsee Boehm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicki Stark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Wormser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George DeFord, Jr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reed Hoefling
<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"/> Patricia Nilsson	<input type="checkbox"/>

Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Introductions**
- **Approve Minutes:** January 9th, 2024 (Meeting #118)
 - First: George deFord
 - Second: Vicki Stark
 - Approved by unanimous consensus
 - **No Meeting Minutes for Meeting #119 – February Grant Workshop**
- Tricia Nilsson is assisting the State Historic Preservation Office with the logistics for public houses for input on an update to the **State Historic Preservation Plan (2016-2022)**. She would like to piggyback on the April or May HPC meeting. SHPO would be present as an open-house and provide a short presentation. The open house can be before or after the HPC meeting.
 - Tricia and Nicki will work on finding a public meeting space and sending out a doodle poll on best dates for an in-person meeting.
- Historic Preservation Officer position update
 - Chelsee Boehm attended the meeting virtually to introduce herself as the new Historic Preservation Officer for Canyon County. Her anticipated start date is April 8th.
- SHPO—US ACE Mitigation for Subdivision in Caldwell with National Register eligible archaeological site
 - Nicki is attending the regularly scheduled meetings to provide updates

- Currently the group is discussing the path forward for determining the site boundaries to know what would need to happen to either fully avoid the site or to minimize the adverse effects to it.
 - Nicki will continue to be involved and provide updates to the HPC
- SHPO—mitigation funds from adverse effect of building a cellphone tower at the site of historic barn
 - Mitigation funding ideas were discussed, but the HPC determined that they would like Nicki to follow up regarding the stipulations of the use of these funds and any constraints or requirements in presenting mitigation ideas. Nicki will reach out to SHPO for more clarity
- February Grant Workshop Review—February 13th
 - The workshop was well attended
- Melba Valley Museum National Register of Historic Places listing became official on Jan 25th, 2024
 - Melba Valley Historical Society is planning a celebration of the NRHP listing on May 4th with the opening of their Museum for the season
 - Nicki will coordinate with them to assist with any media information that can be shared to help celebrate
 - Melba was also highlighted on the news recently
 - <https://www.kivitv.com/caldwell/melba-valley-museum-to-make-upgrades-following-the-approval-of-a-grant>
- After the February Grant workshop, Nicki was invited to a meeting with Canyon County Historical Society to discuss the new Historic Preservation Officer position and past and present grant applications
- Warhawk Air Museum and concrete batch plant
 - The HPC wants to continue to keep an eye on this. The Nampa Planning & Zoning Commission denied a conditional use permit for Sunroc’s Concrete Plant proposal. Bruce and others expressed concern that developers can appeal and keep trying.
- Archaeology Month updates
 - May is Idaho Archaeology & Historic Preservation Month
 - Idaho Archaeological Society is hosting its annual Archaeology Fair May 11th, 10am – 4pm, Basque Park, 183 N 2nd W, Mountain Home, ID
 - Celebration Park will host its annual event on Saturday, May 4th 10am-2pm
 - Get close-up with some of the oldest cars in the state with the Western Idaho Model T Club. 10:30-11:30
 - Learn about primitive technology and try your hand at creating cordage and primitive fire-making. 10:00-2:00
 - Win a prize on the atlatl range and take a guided tour of the petroglyphs. 10:00-2:00
 - Experience creating lithic tools from stone with the Idaho Flintknappers. 10:00-2:00
- Ron Wormser said Nampa is going to unveil a new Historic Nampa walking tour with QR code access along with a new statue
- Nampa also is linking history to geocaches, one of which includes a traveling ‘Nampa Image’
 - Nicki gave a brief history and will provide more information about the archaeological history of the Nampa Image hoax at the next meeting.
- Future Events:

- Seven Arrows Powwow – March 30-31st, Extra Mile Arena, Boise State University
- Nampa sculpture unveiling 3pm, April 5th at Lloyd Square
- Nikki said the Idaho Indian Education Summit will occur Aug 1-2 in Boise/Nampa area
- Other Business - none
- Adjourn 7:28pm