

Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting #127

Date: 10-08-2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Commission Members: George DeFord, Jr (Attorney), Nikki Gorrell (Anthropologist), Bruce Poe (Architect), Vicki Stark (Archaeologist), Justin Vance (Historian), Zachary Wesley (Attorney), Chelsee Boehm (Canyon County Staff Rep.)

Commission Members in Attendance:

- George DeFord, Jr.
- Nikki Gorrell (*virtual attendance*)
- Bruce Poe
- Vicki Stark (*virtual attendance*)
- Justin Vance (*virtual attendance*)
- Zach Wesley
- Chelsee Boehm

Other Attendees:

- Nicki Schwend, Director
- Mark Pemble
- Scott Pemble
- Jay Erb, American Legion 18
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Call to Order

- o Meeting began at 6:34pm

Welcome and Introductions

ACTION:

- o **Approve Minutes** – Meeting #126, September 10, 2024. No changes recommended. **George motions to approve. Vicki seconded.**
AYES: George, Nikki, Vicki, Justin, Chelsee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
Motion passes.

ACTION:

- o **Amend Agenda.** To project the location of the prospective Caldwell subdivision that has an archaeological site (which the previous agenda listed by name), Chelsee changed the agenda to remove the subdivision's name. Per Idaho Open Meeting Law, any changes to the agenda must be approved by the board. **Chelsee motioned to amend the agenda. George seconded.**
AYES: Chelsee, George, Nikki, Vicki, Justin
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion passes.

Mitigation Updates

- Section 106 Report for WIF Grant Project
 - Nicki summarized work on report at Celebration Park. State's ICRIS system incorrectly shows the location of an archaeological site, so Nicki is working on completing a section 106 report that helps to clarify the right location. Nicki worked with Mark Plew and Tom Bicak to research the history of the site and mitigation work, including survey that was done in 1990 and 1991 with the purpose of finding a "sterile" place to put the boat dock. Nicki has found a lot of pictures that illustrate the amount of improvements and changes that have been made to the site in the past. She hopes this process will provide clarity if any 106 reports are needed in the future. Parks staff checked in with the Army Corps to see if they needed to reach out to the Tribes or if the Army Corps will work with them.
- Karcher Communication Tower
 - Communication company and their partner are offering a lower amount than the Parks department originally requested for mitigation. Department is planning to use any money given to the county for agricultural historic resource survey, two of which have already been done in the County. Parks staff are continuing conversations with the communication company and their partners to reach a compromise.
 - Nicki and Chelsee provided a quick summary on the history of the project, the location of the barn, and their requests for mitigation. The tower is going on the same parcel as a barn, so there is considerable visual impact of the barn as a historic structure.
- Caldwell Subdivision
 - Nicki described the age of the site and what the archaeologists have done at the prospective subdivision location, including ground penetrating radar and auger testing.
 - Parks staff are attending ongoing meetings with Army Corps of Engineers, Tribal representatives, staff from State Historic Preservation Office, and the home builders.
 - Next steps include the consulting heritage company making a proposal to dig into certain areas. The home developer is working with Tribes to organize Tribal monitoring, and Army Corps is drafting a memorandum of agreement/understanding.
 - Reminder that the Army Corps has not been granted an application, so these are all discussions that occur beforehand.

New Business

- Ada County HPC Gathering
 - Chelsee has been in contact with Brent Danielson, the staff member who manages the Ada County Historic Preservation Council, about holding a social gathering between the two groups. Chelsee asked for the Commission's

perspective. Everyone seemed interested. Chelsee said she would check in with Brent on scheduling, and that it would likely be easiest to meet next year.

- Boise State Field School
 - Staff provided a quick summary on the ongoing archaeology field school from Boise State at Celebration Park.

Old Business

- Review of Grant Statuses
 - Three extension requests (Middleton, Caldwell, and Nampa)
 - One completed grant
 - Notus Scope Change Request
 - Due to ongoing negotiations between the Notus Historical Society and the City of Notus, scope change application is lacking a specific budget, information on where the signs are to be installed,
 - **Nicki suggests we reach out back to them to get more information** including: 1. What information is on the signage, 2. Where will the signs go, and do they have permission to install them, 3. What is the money going towards specifically (sign design, production, installation, etc.) Chelsee is going to reach out to the Notus
- Project Updates
 - Chelsee and Nicki provided an update on work with Historical Research Associates, Inc. on the progress of the Snake River Canyon Preservation Assessment project.
- Bylaws
 - Chelsee and Nicki reviewed the first draft of the bylaws with Zach. After Zach has reviewed second draft, Chelsee will send out to the group for review.
- Leadership Positions
 - Chelsee reminded HPC members that a Chair and Co-Chair are needed for the group. Nikki nominated Justin Vance as co-chair.

Public Comments

- Scott asked for clarification on the Snake River Canyon Preservation Assessment project, Chelsee and Nicki explained what this project entailed, and what the hopes and the goals were for that project.

Adjourn

- **George motions to end the meeting, Vicki seconds.**
AYES: Chelsee, George, Nikki, Vicki, Justin
NOES: None
Motion passes.