

Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #128

Date: 11-12-2024

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), Chelsea Boehm (Canyon County Staff Rep.)

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Other Attendees:

- ☒ Nicki Schwend, Director
- ☒ Jay Erb, American Legion 18
- ☒ Randall Taylor, Notus Historical Society/Museum
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Call to Order

- Meeting began at approximately 6:30pm

Welcome and Introductions

ACTION:

- **Approve Minutes** – Meeting #127, October 8, 2024. Bruce noticed typo in recommended. **George motions to approve. Vicki seconded.**
AYES: George, Nikki, Vicki, Justin, Chelsea
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
Motion Passes

Mitigation Updates

- Section 106 Report for WIF Grant Project
 - Nicki Schwend provided an update on the WIF Grant Project. Report has been submitted to US Army Corps of Engineers. Shoshone-Paiute Tribe has provided comment.
- Karcher Communication Tower
 - Through ongoing negotiation, the staff have come to a tentative agreement with the company installing the communication tower. As mitigation for

installing the tower by the NRHP eligible barn, they will give the county \$20,000 to hire a local firm to complete historical agricultural resources survey in the county. Draft of the Memorandum of Agreement is circulating through all parties.

- Caldwell Subdivision
 - Conversations on mitigation is ongoing. Last meeting time was set aside for discussion with the Tribes involved, and next meeting has been canceled for Thanksgiving.
- Project Spud
 - A new mitigation project has come to the attention of the staff. Nicki and Chelsea quickly summarized the distribution center and their application to construct in Nampa. Section 106 has been triggered, and discussions surrounding the application and impact on NRHP resources must follow. First meeting to discuss this will be next Friday.

New Business

- **ACTION: Snake River Canyon Preservation Assessment survey review**
 - Commission reviewed the draft of the survey from Historical Research Associates Inc. (HRA) and discussed necessary updates. Nicki and Chelsea previously did some editing, and went over those changes with the Commission. Staff is going to prepare a website, to link with the survey and provide more information to property owners. Soon staff will be meeting with HRA to talk about next steps. Commission decided that no formal action was necessary for this discussion.
 - **ACTION: December Meeting**
 - Commission discussed the necessity of a meeting in December. **Vicki motioned to cancel the December meeting. George seconded.** HPC will reconvene in January.
- AYES:** George, Nikki, Vicki, Justin, Chelsea
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
Motion Passes

Old Business

- Review of Grant Statuses
 - **ACTION: Approve/Deny Notus Historical Society grant scope change**
 - Randall Taylor from the Notus Historical Society attended to discuss. At this time, the lead on the potential project does not have the capacity. As a result, the organization would like to return the funds that they received for an FY2024 grant. Staff will assist them in this process. **No motion or action necessary.**
- Project Updates
 - Staff provided an update on Boise State archaeology field school working out at Celebration Park. They will complete their work onsite this month.

- Chelsee told the Commission that she is working on a collections management policy for the materials collected at Celebration Park, including the research library, donated materials, etc.
- Justin shared that he and his students took a day trip to Duck Valley, and that it was a good and informative experience.
- Bylaws
 - Chelsee told the commission that the amended bylaws editing process are still in progress. Zach said that he would prioritize reviewing them.
- Leadership Positions
 - Chelsee reminded the commissioners that they will need to elect a chair and vice-chair at the meeting in January. Nikki Gorrell shared that she and Justin will not be available on the second Tuesday of the month, due to a training at CWI. Commission briefly discussed meeting on the third Tuesday of the month

Public Comments

Adjourn

- **George motions to end the meeting, Nikki seconds.**
AYES: George, Nikki, Justin, Chelsee, Zach
NOES: None
Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm