

Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #129

Date: 1-21-2025 **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. (*virtual attendance*)
- ☒ Nikki Gorrell (*virtual attendance*)
- ☒ Bruce Poe (*virtual attendance*)
- ☐ Vicki Stark
- ☒ Justin Vance (*virtual attendance*)
- ☐ Zach Wesley
- ☒ Chelsee Boehm

- ☒ Nicki Schwend, Director
- ☒ Jay Erb, American Legion
- ☒ Alan Hochhalter, Canyon County Historical Society
- ☒ Gail Christiancy, Canyon County Historical Society
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Other Attendees:

Call to Order

- Meeting began at approximately 6:30pm

Welcome and Introductions

ACTION:

- **Approve Minutes** – Meeting 128, November 11, 2024. **George motions to approve minutes with no changes. Bruce seconds.**
AYES: George, Nikki, Bruce, Justin, Chelsee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
Motion Passes Unanimously

Mitigation Updates

- Project Spud
 - Chelsee and Nicki provided a quick background on the project. Tractor supply center is going onto property with National Register of Historic Places eligible resource. As applicants required a US Army Corps permit, Section 106 was triggered. As mitigation, City of Nampa will be receiving about

\$19,000 to conduct neighborhood resource surveys. Sent letter of support from HPC.

- Karcher Tower
 - Zach reviewed a draft of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for mitigation in this project. It has been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for review. We are waiting to hear back.
- Caldwell Subdivision
 - Meetings are ongoing for this project. Homebuilders are in talks with local Tribes. Nicki and Chelsee will continue to provide updates.

New Business

- **ACTION: Elect Chair and Vice-Chair position**
 - **Nikki motions to nominate Justin as chair. George seconds**
 - **Bruce motions to nominate Vicki as vice-chair. George seconds. *Pending conversation with Vicki.***

AYES: Bruce, George, Nikki, Justin, Chelsee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motions Pass Unanimously

- FY2025 CLG Grant Application
 - Bruce asked questions about what the HPC's role will be in managing the grant, if received.
 - Discussion on the first grant application draft, which was for a survey of area near the Canyon County fairgrounds. Nicki and Chelsee summarized the history of this project – a member of the public approached the department with concerns about documenting the history of the area with potential development; Chelsee contacted State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for more information; SHPO recommended potentially pursuing a reconnaissance-level survey of the area; conversations among Canyon County staff determined that now was not a time to pursue such a survey, given the ongoing conversations about development – do not want any history-related projects to be overshadowed or misconstrued as a stance on that development.
- Celebration Park Researchers Form
 - Chelsee summarized the Researcher's Form sent to HPC members to review, and its purpose. The form was created due to researchers in the past not being well prepared when conducting work at the Park. Nikki asked that the form be sent again for her to review.

Old Business

- Project Updates
 - Chelsee and Nicki provided an updated on the Snake River Canyon Historic Resources Assessment. Thus far, only three responses have arrived. Chelsee and Nicki are working with Historical Research Associates (HRA) to explore other ways of reaching property owners. Considering holding a public

information meeting at Celebration Park to be available to answer questions for property owners.

- Grant Updates
 - Chelsee provided updates on extended FY24 grants, which are nearing completion. For FY25, the Nampa Valley Grange project is underway. Chelsee described signage to promote the HPC in the lawn of the building. American Legion project will begin once first round of payments are dispersed.
- Bylaws

Public Comments

Adjourn

- **Bruce motions to end the meeting, George seconds.**

AYES: George, Nikki, Bruce, Justin, Chelsee

NOES: None

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm