

Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #130

Date: 3-11-2025 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Location: Nampa Valley Grange, 203 5th Ave., Nampa, ID 83651

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.
- ☒ Nikki Gorrell
- ☒ Bruce Poe
- ☐ Vicki Stark
- ☒ Justin Vance
- ☐ Zach Wesley
- ☒ Chelsea Boehm

Other Attendees:

- ☒ Nicki Schwend, Director CCPC&NR
- ☒ Mike Ferrell, Deputy Director
- ☒ Wendy Coome, Nampa Valley Grange
- ☒ Dan Everhart, SHPO
- ☒ Alexis Matrone, SHPO
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Call to Order

- Meeting began at approximately 6:30pm

Welcome and Introductions

- Justin, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting
 - Commission members and others introduced themselves
 - Discussion on the history of the Nampa Valley Grange and granges in Idaho.

ACTION:

- **Approve Minutes** – Meeting #129, January 21, 2025. George **motions to approve minutes with no changes. Bruce seconds.**
AYES: George, Nikki, Bruce, Justin, Chelsea
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
Motion Passes Unanimously

Mitigation Updates

- Caldwell Subdivision
 - MOA has been drafted and is out for signature. Canyon County was a consulting party, but not signatory.

New Business

- Gateway West
 - Nicki summarized the Gateway West project – the installation of new high-voltage transmission line, adjacent to the pre-existing electric transmission line near Celebration Park. Nicki had introduced herself to those managing the project and, later they visited Celebration Park for a tour. Representatives from the Gateway West team met with Parks staff about the potential for mitigation projects in relation to the impact of the Gateway West project.
 - Dan Everhart mentioned including the National Register listing for the Guffey Butte-Black Butte as a potential project for funding.
 - Discussion followed on the Gateway West project, its physical pathway, how the larger group will make decisions on how funds are dispersed.
- Summary of Workshop
 - Chelsee provided a brief summary of the grant workshop in February.
 - Bruce summarized the due diligence surveys that he has done for potential HPC applicants (the American Legion and Parma Public Library), including suggesting priorities for them to consider applying for funding for. Dan summarized the importance of a historic building assessment.
- New Commission Member
 - Chelsee introduced the idea of adding another member to the HPC. Dr. Rachel Miller, of the College of Idaho, has agreed to serve. Commissioners were excited about adding Rachel to the team.
- **ACTION: Review HPC Bylaws**
 - George recommended adding a summation, or a conclusion.
 - Bruce and Nikki recommended adding an overview of what the expectations of the HPC are, how they are different from a board, to help teach the commissioners and members of the public.
 - Discussion on if it is necessary to add reference to the CLG rules. Dan suggested adding National Historic Preservation Act, under which the authority and the programming trickles down – including Section 106 mitigation, participation in CLG, National Register participation. He said the HPC should consider adding reference to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards – best practice of this body, when granting to other entities
 - Bruce suggested adding a city planner to the HPC, when possible.
 - No action taken. Chelsee will update draft, pass on to Zach for review, and present to HPC at a future meeting.
- National Alliance of Preservation Commission's CAMP Training
 - Alexis Matrone summarized the training and the state's goal to ensure that CAMP training occurs in Idaho every year, moving about the state to make

sure that as many people.

- Discussion followed on the possible attendance of Nikki and Justin's attendance to CAMP training.

Old Business

- Project Updates
 - Snake River Canyon Preservation Assessment
 - HPC reviewed the draft of the postcard. Chelsee provided a summary of the information session and its purpose.
- Grant Updates
 - Chelsee provided a run-down on the grants that are still active from FY24, and a brief update on those for FY25 – including the repair of the roof for the Nampa Valley Grange building.

Public Comments

- Alexis introduced herself, and her background.
- Dan invited the Canyon County HPC to attend an Archaeology & Historic Preservation month meeting on May 1.
- Dan shared information on SHPO's March Madness social media campaign, narrowing down the best bridges in the state.

Adjourn

- **Justin motions to end the meeting, George seconds.**
AYES: George, Nikki, Bruce, Justin, Chelsee
NOES: None
Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm