

Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #135

Date: 8-12-2025 **Time:** 6:30 pm

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

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

Commission Members in Attendance:

- ☐ George DeFord, Jr.
- ☐ Nikki Gorrell
- ☒ Rachel Miller (*virtual*)
- ☒ Bruce Poe (*virtual*)
- ☐ Justin Vance
- ☒ Zach Wesley (*virtual*)
- ☒ Chelsee Boehm

Other Attendees:

- ☒ Nicki Schwend, Director
Canyon County Parks
- ☒ Mike Farrell, Assistant Director
- ☒ Hilaire Goodnight, Programs Manager
- ☒ Nick Bowden, College of Idaho (*virtual*)
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Call to Order

- Meeting began at 6:36pm.

Welcome and Introductions

- Chelsee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Hilaire Goodnight, new Programs Manager for Canyon County Parks, introduced herself.

New Business

- Nick Bowden
 - This item was moved up, as a quorum was not yet present, and Nick needed to leave for another engagement.
 - Nick talked about his experience as an intern with the Parks department.

ACTION:

- **Approve Minutes** – Meeting #134, July 8, 2025.
 - Chelsee noted that there was an extra word next to George DeFord's name. **Zach motions to approve minutes with previously mentioned change. Rachel seconds.**
AYES: Bruce, Rachel, Zach, Chelsee
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
Motion Passes Unanimously

New Business

- HPC Youth Member
 - Discussion on Youth Member proposal document
- Website Updates
 - Chelsee introduced a plan to add a page to the County website that will include resources/information on history in Canyon County.
- Rachel on HPF support
 - Rachel talked about crafting a letter of support for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPC), managed by the National Park Service.
 - Chelsee summarized how the HPF is funded and dispersed, and how it impacts the work of the Canyon County HPC.
 - Group agreed to pass around a draft via email, and discuss it at the next HPC meeting.

Old Business

- HPC Bylaws Review
 - Chelsee briefly summarized the changes she had made to the Bylaws since the last time they were on the agenda. She asked HPC members to look over them, and the group determined that this item would remain on the agenda until the majority of the Commission was present to discuss.
- Snake River Canyon Assessment Project

Public Comments

- Nicki shared that the Idaho Archaeological Society conference will be on October 25, at the University of Idaho Water Center in Boise. She will send out more details.

Adjourn

- **Zach motions to end the meeting, Bruce seconds.**
AYES: Bruce, Rachel, Zach, Chelsee
NOES: None
Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm