

# Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting #136

**Date:** 10-14-2025      **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), Chelsea Boehm (Canyon County Staff Rep.)

#### Commission Members in Attendance:

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

#### Other Attendees:

- ☒ Nicki Schwend, Director  
Canyon County Parks
- ☒ Mike Farrell, Assistant Director  
(*virtual*)
- ☒ Jay Erb, American Legion
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#### Call to Order

- Meeting began at 6:35pm

#### Welcome and Introductions

#### ACTION: Approve Minutes – Meeting #135, August 12, 2025

- **George motions to approve the meeting, Bruce seconds.**  
**AYES:** George, Nikki, Rachel, Bruce, Justin, Zach, Chelsea  
**NOES:** None  
**Motion passes.**

#### New Business

- 'Partners in Preservation' meeting review
  - Chelsea summarized the September meeting at the Nampa Valley Grange, and thanked Bruce and Rachel for attending.
- ACTION: Approve letter of support for Historic Preservation Fund
  - **George motions to approve the letter of support as written and disperse it to Idaho's federal delegates. Nikki Gorrell seconds.**  
**AYES:** George, Nikki, Rachel, Bruce, Justin  
**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Chelsea, Zach

**Motion passes.**

- Grant Updates
  - Chelsea updated the Commissioners on incoming and outgoing grants. Parks staff are preparing for a solicitation of interest for a contractor for the CLG grant for a survey of Parma.
  - FY2026 grant agreements are going out to recipients for signature.
- Section 106 Mitigation Update
  - Chelsea updated the HPC on another mitigation project that the County was recently notified of. A housing development in Caldwell will impact National Register-eligible canal, triggering conversations on potential mitigation projects. The group has only met once, and Chelsea will provide updates as they are available.

### **Old Business**

- HPC Bylaws Review
  - Brief review of bylaws. Chelsea hopes for the HPC to adopt the bylaws at the next meeting.
- Youth Member Proposal Review
  - Group reviewed the proposal for adding a youth member to the HPC. Discussion on whether the youth member should be voting or nonvoting, and the pros and cons of each.
  - Chelsea is going to draft proposals that include both voting and nonvoting options. It may be necessary to add language to the bylaws to cover the youth member.

### **Public Comments**

- Nicki reminded everyone that the Idaho Archaeology Society's annual meeting would be on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the University of Idaho's Water Center in downtown Boise. Chelsea will send out the meeting agenda.

### **Adjourn**

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