

Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting #138

Date: 01-13-2026 **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), Zachary Wesley (Attorney), Chelsee Boehm (Canyon County Staff Rep.)

Commission Members in Attendance:

- George DeFord, Jr. (*virtual*)
- Nikki Gorrell
- Rachel Miller (*virtual*)
- Zach Wesley (*virtual*)
- Chelsee Boehm

Other Attendees:

- Nicki Schwend, Director, Canyon County Parks
- Mike Farrell, Assistant Director (*virtual*)
- Gail Christiancy,
Canyon County Historical Society
- Alan Hochhalter,
Canyon County Historical Society
- Dan Lister, Canyon County DSD
- Scott Pemble
- Mark Pemble

Call to Order

- o Meeting began at 6:31pm

Welcome and Introductions

- o Chelsee welcomed everyone to the meeting. She shared that Justin Vance will no longer be serving on the Commission. Bruce Poe is awaiting reappointment. Parks staff is working on recruiting new members.

ACTION:

- o **Approve Minutes** – Meeting #137, November 25, 2025. George motions to approve the minutes. Zach seconds.
AYES: Rachel, Zach, George, Chelsee
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
Motion passes.

New Business

- o **ACTION: Approve FY2026 CLG Grant Application for National Register Nomination of property in Nampa**
 - Chelsee shared information on the farmstead that would be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), if the family gave final permission. The family is supposed to let Parks staff know by the end of the week, so just in case, staff are preparing a backup application. The backup application will be for another phase of the rural landscapes and agricultural

resources survey. Chelsee asked if the Commission would be willing to approve both the NRHP grant application and the back up application. **Zach motioned to approve the NRHP grant application if the family approves, with an alternative Rural Landscapes and Agricultural Resources application (of Parma area) as a backup, pending administrative review by the HPC. Rachel seconds.**

AYES: Rachel, Zach, George, Chelsee

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

○ **ACTION: Elect Officers**

- Chelsee suggested that the Commission table this item until the full Commission is present, including new members.

Old Business

○ Mitigation Updates

- Canyon County signed Section 106 MOA with Toll Brothers, US Army Corps of Engineers and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for mitigation for the Verbena Ranch subdivision in Caldwell. There will be a survey of 20 properties, and Parks staff are working on getting a contract signed with TAG Historical Research and Consulting for this project.

○ Grant Updates

- For the FY25 CLG grant, Canyon County has signed an agreement with TAG to complete a survey of a specific area in Parma.
- Parks staff had a kick-off meeting with TAG and SHPO in December. TAG is going to get started on the project soon.

○ Commission Self-Review

- Rachel and George have completed this questionnaire. Chelsee asked Zach to complete it as well.

○ DSD Applications/Comments

- Chelsee and Nicki introduced Dan Lister, from the County's Development Services Department. The HPC and the Historic Preservation Officer are continuing to provide comments on applications that impact historic and archaeological resources. In the future, the Parks department and DSD will work together to include those resources in a comprehensive plan.

○ America250

- Chelsee mentioned that she and Nicki had discussed some ideas to celebrate America 250, but they needed to discuss them with the Board of County Commissioners.

Public Comments

- Mark Pemble told the group about things going on in the historic preservation community in Caldwell.

Adjourn

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

AYES: George, Rachel, Zach, Chelsea

NOES: None

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm