

# Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

## Meeting #141

**Date:** 05-05-2026      **Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Canyon County Administration Building (111 N. 11th Ave, Suite 130, Caldwell)

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

### Commission Members in Attendance:

- Cody Carlson (*virtual*)
- George DeFord, Jr. (*virtual*)
- Nikki Gorrell (*virtual*)
- Mari Harris (*virtual*)
- Rachel Miller (*virtual*)
- Bruce Poe (*virtual*)
- Zach Wesley
- Chelsee Boehm

### Other Attendees:

- Nicki Schwend, Director, Canyon County Parks
- Mike Farrell, Assistant Director (*virtual*)
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### Call to Order

- o Meeting began at approximately 6:30.

### Welcome and Introductions

### Approve Minutes

- o Meeting #140, April 7, 2026. **Rachel motions to approve the minutes. George seconds.**
  - AYES:** Cody, Nikki, Bruce, Rachel, George, Chelsee
  - NOES:** None
  - ABSTAIN:** None
  - Motion passes.**

### New Business

- o **ACTION: Review Patricia Romanko Public Library (Parma State Bank) building, Parma, National Register Nomination and make recommendation**
    - Chelsee reviewed the HPC's responsibilities as a CLG to review the nomination, and the next steps in the process. Chelsee described how the nomination was shared via social media to solicit public comment, there was lots of positive engagement, but only received one email from a member of the public.
- Mari makes a motion to recommend the nomination for the Parma State Bank**

**to the Board of Canyon County Commissioners for addition to the National Register. Bruce seconds.**

**AYES:** Rachel, Mari, George, Cody, Nikki, Bruce, Chelsee

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Motion passes.**

- Review FY2027 Historic Preservation Grant Applications
  - American Legion
    - External Paint
    - Fascia and Gutter replacement
      - HPC discussed what items were missing from the application. Chelsee is going to reach out to the applicant to get those documents.
  - Canyon County Historical Society
    - Bathroom renovation
      - Group discussed whether the project would need to be ADA compliant. Bruce suggested that the Canyon County Historical Society get in the City of Nampa's determination in writing from the City of Nampa.
    - Dehumidifier
      - HPC talked about concerns with leaks in the building. There were questions about if the dehumidifiers would work properly through multiple rooms. Chelsee is going to reach out to the applicant to discuss
    - Red Building Audio Tour
      - Group discussed the project and potential concerns. Chelsee is going to reach out to applicant with questions.
  - City of Caldwell/Caldwell Historical Society
    - Luby Park
      - Chelsee mentioned that this site may be added to the National Register of Historic Places soon. Discussion on where the budget for the project came from. Group needed clarification on who the 501(c)(3) applicant was. Chelsee is going to reach out to applicant for more information.
    - Van Slyke Museum
      - Group discussed concerns about accessibility and the proposed project timeline.
  - College of Idaho
    - Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History
      - Application missing some documents. Chelsee is going to reach out to applicant.
    - Whittenberger Planetarium
      - Group discussed concerns about the long term plans for the projector, and how the project fit the tax levy's parameters.

Chelsee is going to reach out to the applicant.

- Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church
    - Group discussed the difficulty of accessing the cemetery and concerns about the site being on private property. George believed the property really needed to be put in public hands for the project to be appropriate for this grant. Chelsee is going to reach out to County's legal staff to discuss this further.
  - Nampa Public Library
    - Group discussed the completed application, with all required documents, and the potential for partial funding, if necessary.
  - HPC briefly discussed the ranking process (Urgent, High, Medium, Low) and how they were going to rank them. Group discussed the potential of meeting again before the June meeting, however it seemed unlikely due to availability.
- **ACTION: Consider a second May meeting for grant application discussion**
    - **No Action Taken**

### **Old Business**

- Mitigation Updates
  - Gateway West project is ongoing.
- Grant Updates
  - Parks staff applied for a Historic Properties Mitigation Bank grant with Preservation Idaho, will hear results in July
- Youth Membership
  - Chelsee briefly summarized this project for new HPC members. Nicki and Chelsee presented the idea to the Board of County Commissioners, who were supportive, and suggested adding two youth members instead of one. Parks staff working on a formal proposal for the Board of County Commissioners.

### **Public Comments**

- Joint Parks and Idaho Archaeology Society Fair event for Archaeology Month event at Celebration Park on May 16. Chelsee will email flyer to HPC members.

### **Adjourn**

- **Cody motions to end the meeting, Bruce seconds.**  
**AYES: Bruce, Nikki, Mari, Cody, Chelsee**  
**NOES: None**  
**Motion passes.**  
**Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm**