

Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #142

Date: 06-02-2026 **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
- ☒ 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
- ☒ Jay Erb, American Legion Post 18
- ☒ Gail Christancy, Canyon County Historical Society (CCHS)
- ☒ Alan Hochhalter, CCHS
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Call to Order

- o Meeting began at approximately 6:30.

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Minutes

- o Meeting #141, May 5, 2026. **George motions to approve the minutes. Bruce seconds.**

AYES: Rachel, Nikki, Bruce, George, Zach, Mari, Chelsee

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Motion Passes.

New Business

- o **ACTION: Recommend FY2027 Historic Preservation Grant applications to the Board of County Commissioners for Funding**
 - Chelsee reviewed the projects. She reviewed the concerns on the Antioch Cemetery project, and no proof of a public easement has been provided
 - Discussion on what the funding available to HPC projects might be.
 - Chelsee presented different funding scenarios. The group talked about should be presented to the Board of County Commissioners, and everyone agreed that presenting fewer options would be the best use of time.

Zach motioned to adopt alternative [funding] option one as the recommendation for the HPC Grant Awards. Bruce seconded.

AYES: Rachel, Bruce, George, Mari, Zach, Nikki, Chelsea

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Motion Passes

- o Report on Historic Sites Review Board, May 30
 - Chelsea reported that the Historic Site Review Board passed both the Parma Bank and the Luby Park & Rose Garden to the National Park Service to be added to the National Register of Historic Places. She reminded everyone that both nominations had been funded by grants from the Canyon County Historic Preservation grant program.

Old Business

- o No Updates

Public Comments

- o Gail told the group that during June, visitors can enter the museum for a discounted \$2, if they have a \$2 bill. There is an America 250 exhibit on display at the Nampa Train Depot with lots of artifacts and new information.
- o Nicki Schwend told the group that the Idaho Archaeological Society Annual Conference will be held at the College of Western Idaho on October 17 and hosted by Nikki Gorrell. More information to come.

Adjourn

- o **Bruce motions to end the meeting, Mari seconds.**