Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes

Meeting #145

Date: 10-06-2026 **Time:** 6:30 pm

Location: Canyon County Admin 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), Chelsee Boehm (Canyon County Staff Rep.)

Commission Members in Attendance:

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

Other Attendees:

☒ Nicki Schwend, Director, Canyon County Parks
☒ Mark Pemble
☒ Scott Pemble
☒ Alan Hochhalter, Canyon County Historical Society
☒ Jay Erb, American Legion Post 18

Call to Order

- Meeting began at approximately 6:30pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Minutes

- **ACTION**: **Mari motions to approve the August 2026 meeting minutes. George seconds.**

  AYES: Mari, George, Rachel, Cody, Bruce, Chelsee
  NOES: None
  ABSTAIN: None
  (Zach Wesley and Nikki Gorrell arrived after this vote)
  Motion Passes.

New Business

- **ACTION**: Approve letter regarding changes to Section 106 implementation
  - Rachel motions that the Historic Preservation Commission advances the drafted letter concerning Section 106 implementation changes to the Board of County Commissioners for their support. Mari seconds.
    AYES: Mari, George, Cody, Zach, Bruce, Nikki
    NOES: None
    ABSTAIN: Chelsee
    Motion Passes.

- **ACTION**: Send letter regarding changes to Section 106 implementation
    - Rachel motions that the commission, with the support of the Board of County Commissioners, the letter regarding Section 106 implementation changes to Section 106 be sent to representatives and interested parties. George seconds.
      AYES: Mari, George, Rachel, Cody, Zach, Bruce, Nikki
      NOES: None
      ABSTAIN: Chelsee
      Motion Passes.

Old Business

- Mitigation
    - Parks staff is still working on mitigation discussions on the Gateway West project. A meeting is upcoming in mid-October
- Grants
    - Parma State Bank (Parma Public Library building) has officially been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Luby Park and Rose Garden is on the pending list.
    - FY2026 Extensions and Closeouts
        - PEO dining room project is complete
        - Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway sign project is complete
        - Six grants received extensions
            - American Legion, Post 18
            - Both Preservation Idaho grants
            - Melba Valley Historical Society
            - Historical Society of Middleton
            - Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway, audio tour project
    - FY2027 County Budget and Grant Recipients
        - Award/denial letters have been sent out notifying applicants. Agreements are being processed and sent out to recipients. Every organization that applied received a grant
    - FY2028 Grant Cycle
        - Flyer has been prepared with dates for grant workshop and application deadlines.
- Youth Membership
    - Staff need to get this proposal in front of the Board of County Commissioners to advance this effort.
- Events
    - College of Western Idaho's Indigenous' Peoples Day event will be on October 12
    - The POE Chapter House will be having open houses

Adjourn

- **Mari motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cody seconded.** Meeting ended at 6:55pm.