HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for March 16, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
911 N. 7th Avenue
Pocatello, ID

The meeting began at 6:06 PM.

PRESENT: Jacquee Alvord, Stephanie Christelow, Latecia Herzog, Jeffrey Jimenez, Mary Kuehler, Nick Nielson, and Kelsey Stenersen.
STAFF: Aceline McCulla and Terri Neu.

Nielson publically wanted thank Alvord for spearheading Idaho Day.

Nielson noted that Agenda Item #2 would be discussed after Agenda Item #4.

AGENDA ITEM #1: DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND EX-PARTE CONTACT
Disclose financial or personal interests in items on the agenda and disclose who was talked to, the basic substance of the conversation and whether the conversation had any influence. Disclose if a site visit was done, location(s) of the visit and what was seen.

None of the Commission members had anything to report.

AGENDA ITEM #2: HP MONTH
The Commission may wish to continue discussion and finalize plans for HP Month activities.

Alvord stated she reviewed other events that may have an impact on the Historical Preservation (HP) Day event, which included a series of NKA presentation series, the Chief Theater, Relight the Night, and the Greyhound Bus Depot, and recognition of the Trolley Tour and the Museum of Natural History were appropriate for inclusion for the HP Day event. The dates selected are 5/20 and 5/21. Alvord and Jim Johnston discussed ideas to be presented throughout the day. On Friday evening, she wanted to begin with streets named after people who had historic significance. On Saturday, Alvord recommended presentations targeting archeology areas. She wanted to determine how many sessions should be in the morning and afternoon and the length of each session. **Christelow** recommended 30-minute presentations, three in the morning and two after lunch. **Alvord** recommended four presentations in the morning and four presentations following lunch. The structure would be decided at the next meeting with Stephanie Palagi. She stated she wanted Nielson or Johnston to give the introduction. It was recommended that Ken Reed with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) be the Keynote speaker. Reed could talk about the primary presentation. **Christelow** recommended a break after each hour of presentations, and follow the pattern in the afternoon. **Neu** suggested that people buy a ticket to the event, which would cover the cost of lunch and snacks. **Alvord** commented to utilize the local vendors and businesses for food options and not charge for the event. She also suggested discount tickets, if purchased in advance. She mentioned the Museum of Natural History was thinking about offering half- price tickets for attendees. Alvord would work on getting one discounted ticket to view all the museums in the immediate vicinity for attendees to purchase. **Christelow** mentioned that Kevin Marsh wanted to write a paper on the restoration of the Portneuf River, about its history and where it is going. She mentioned Christine Hunt wanted to write a paper on the arts and craft bungalows in Pocatello, and Andrew Dune wanted to do something on Minidoka.

Christelow asked what was happening in the evening at the cemetery. **Neu** stated she would talk to Martin Peace to obtain permission the use the Brady Chapel and cemetery to hold a reception, and if he would do a cemetery tour. **Herzog** stated she would put together a PowerPoint presentation about the Brady Chapel, place it on a 5-minute loop, and show the presentation on the back wall area of the Chapel. **Nielson** stated that he would review his paper and send Herzog what he had on Brady. **Neu** stated she would also send information that she had to Herzog. She would ask Martin if he had any photos and information also and forward the information on to Herzog. **Herzog** stated she needed all the Brady Chapel information from Neu and Martin by 3/30, and Nielson and other Commission members by 4/4. Herzog would pull everything together and present to the Commission on May 4. **Alvord** was going to ask Jerry Myers to do a presentation on the Whitman Building.

Nielson asked to begin at 9:30 a.m., Ken Reed as keynote speaker (45 minutes) 3 presentations (20 minutes) (10 min break), lunch 12:15 p.m., resume at 1:30 p.m., 3 more presentations (20 minutes each, and 10 minute break after each) and finish at 4 p.m. The evening reception will have the 5-minute presentation.

5/20 Cemetery Reception
6p - 7p Tour (maybe 2-4 groups of 10 people max, if attendance is large enough)
7p – 8p Reception in Brady Chapel

Rough draft schedule of events on 5/21.
9:30a – 9:40a Introduction
9:40a-10:10a keynote
10:30a-11a P1
11a – 11:15a break
11:15a-11:45a P2
11:45a -12:15 P3
12:15 – 1:30 p Lunch
1:30-2 P4
2p-2:30p P5
2:30p-2:45p break
2:45p-3:15p P6
3:15p-3:45p P7

Herzog asked if Neu could get the brochure from Palagi on restaurants in Old Town Pocatello to have available Friday evening and Saturday.

Alvord asked if one of the Commission members would be her back-up person to help with the Channel 12 interview to promote the event. **Christelow** stated she would assist her.

Herzog felt that $10 was a good price to cover the food with refreshments for the Cemetery Tour; the Commission agreed upon this.

Nielson asked Neu to add Cemetery Tour tickets to the next agenda. Should they be offered ahead of time?

AGENDA ITEM #3: PROJECT UPDATE

A. Old Town Update – **Neu** mentioned she was out of town last week, and noted that the Committee did not meet; they went to the Benton Street Overpass Open House. The Committee wanted to understand how the overpass would affect Old Town Pocatello.

B. Newsletter – **Neu** stated she had information on the Brady Chapel and would begin to write something the end of this week. She still needed something for the Fort Hall Replica. **Alvord** stated she had been busy. **Neu** planned to have the newsletter out by the first week of April.

C. Greyhound Bus Depot repairs and cleanup – **Neu** stated Dave Hunt from Pocatello Transit and Mori Byington from Bannock Transportation Planning Organization (BTPO) were working on the Federal Transportation Administration Grant, which needs to be submitted by April 15, 2016. The grant would be awarded December 2016 for the funds to be expended in 2017. They would submit the grant and find the match later, in order to make the deadline; there is only one cycle per year for this grant. **Nielson** asked if the grant would cover all the expenses. **Neu** stated it was an 80/20 match grant. She had received many calls for volunteer labor and in-kind services, so she did not feel it would be difficult to meet the 20% match. **Herzog** asked if the in-kind was needed upfront. **Neu** was not sure. She commented that Hunt and Byington were taking care of the grant by themselves and had not communicated with Neu on the details. Further discussion ensued on the grant.

D. Student Interns – **Stephanie Christelow** sent a letter to ISU faculty and acquired another student to take on project five (The significance of Pocatello in Idaho's early history). Christelow asked him to give the talk on Historic Preservation Day. She stated the two already confirmed were planning and getting ready to begin working with Commission members to collect information for their projects. She mentioned that one of the volunteers wanted a letter of recognition, and Christelow asked if the City Council would provide this upon completion of the work. **Neu** stated the City had a signed Volunteer Agreement that the Mayor would sign, and this would be going to the Council April 7. **Christelow** stated that was fine. **Nielson** asked Neu to place the volunteers on the April 6 Agenda to meet them and discuss the topics, length of presentations, and ideas for brochures.

AGENDA ITEM #4: CALENDAR OF EVENTS / STAFF COMMENTS

Herzog commented that Kiwanis could donate the funds, build a pavilion, put the name they desire on the pavilion, and not change the name of Bonneville park. (See attachment Alvord passed out)

With no other business **Jimenez** motioned and **Alvord** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Submitted by: Aceline McCulla Approved on: April 6, 2016

Aceline McCulla, Secretary

Keep Bonneville Park

Benjamin Louis Eulalie de Bonneville (April 14, 1796 – June 12, 1878) was a French-born officer in the United States Army, fur trapper, and explorer in the American West. He is noted for his expeditions to the Oregon Country and the Great Basin, and in particular for blazing portions of the Oregon Trail.

During his lifetime, Bonneville was made famous by an account of his explorations in the West written by Washington Irving. Chapter 28 and 29 detail Bonneville's adventures, trapping, and encampments in the Portneuf Valley.

Bonneville's name is directly connected to the geologic history of Pocatello both from the Lake named for him and the flood that followed. Gilbert published a study of the former ancient Lake Bonneville in 1890 (the lake existed during the Pleistocene), of which the Great Salt Lake is a remnant. He named that lake after the army captain Benjamin L.E. de Bonneville, who had explored this region previously.

Bonneville was honored in Pocatello by Bonneville Grade School, now closed, and Bonneville Park.

In accordance with an overview of the Historic Preservation Act modern motivations for preservation can be summed up in four points:

- to retain diverse elements of past
- to perpetuate the distinctive identities of places
- to involve amateurs in landscape care
- to practice a conservation approach to environmental change

In keeping with historic preservation, it is recommended that the name Bonneville Park be retained based on the historic significance of Bonneville for his early exploration, fur trapping, the Oregon Trail, and Pocatello history.