

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for May 4, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, Municipal Building
911 N. 7th Avenue, Pocatello, ID

The meeting began at 5:55 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #1: ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jacquee Alvord, Stephanie Christelow, Mary Kuehler, Nick Nielson, and Kelsey Stenersen.

EXCUSED: Latecia Herzog and Jeffrey Jimenez.

STAFF: Terri Neu.

GUEST: Pete L'Orange with State Historical Preservation Office.

AGENDA ITEM #2: 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 #3: BONNEVILLE PARK NAME CHANGE

The Commission may wish to direct staff to write a letter to the Mayor and Council in support of or in opposition to the proposed name change.

Alvord stated that she was initially asked by the City Council to look into this question and to do historical research. Alvord did the research and previously provided a letter. During the previous meeting, the Commission discussed this topic with the individuals requesting the name change. One recommendation made was to retain the Park name and construct a monument or install park equipment that would identify the individual with a plaque. **Christelow** agreed with Alvord and felt there was historic significance to keep the Bonneville Park name. **Neu** stated she spoke with Melanie Gygli with the Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) and explained the issue, and mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Department stated it would help clear the confusion between the two similar named parks. Neu recommended they rename the Bonneville Community Park by the senior center Kirkpatrick Park and if there is room add a monumental structure that was appropriate for Bonneville Park. The Bonneville Park has playground equipment there and a softball field. She was not sure where they would put a pavilion or monument structure. This would give them a couple options. **Alvord** mentioned the first school in Pocatello named after Bonneville and was destroyed, so she did not want to lose the park named after Bonneville.

It was motioned by **Kuehler** and seconded by **Christelow** to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council in opposition to the proposed name change, but provide two options. 1) Retain the Bonneville Park's name and build a monument or install equipment identifying Kirkpatrick's name or 2) Rename the Bonneville Community Park with Kirkpatrick's name and include a monumental structure or equipment. Those in favor were Alvord, Christelow, Kuehler, Nielson, and Stenersen. Motioned Passed.

AGENDA ITEM #4: HP MONTH

The Commission may wish to continue discussion and finalize plans for HP Month activities.

Christelow stated that Alvord created the schedule and there are two flyers to hand out. She needs the Commission to approve the flyers so 100 copies may be printed to pass out during the Art Walk this Friday. **Neu** offered to print color copies to pass out this Friday, and she asked for an electronic copy emailed to her to post on the website. Neu asked Christelow to email the poster as well to print more copies. Neu stated she could print flyers, posters, and booklets with the paper choice Christelow prefers. **Alvord** mentioned the history museum was a sponsor along with the university and she would get flyers to them to pass out as well. She went over the schedule she passed out as well. Alvord prepared presentations and overviews for future use.

Conference Room(s)

Wood River and Little Wood conference rooms have been reserved and set up with the round tables. Audiovisual equipment is available and the History Department secretary will handle the final details for the rooms and equipment.

L'Orange recommended giving flyers out to hotels in the area, as the manager of the hotel where he was staying asked for some to pass out to clients inquiring about events in Pocatello during their visit.

Nielson stated he gave a presentation to the New Knowledge Adventures (NKA) on Frank Paradice. He mentioned Jane Riley; coordinator of the NKA will promote the HP Month event. He also mentioned he had sent a letter to Governor Otter to attend the HP event, and he received a reply letter from the Governor's office stating he was unavailable, but would Nielson be interested in a letter from the Governor. Nielson replied he would like the letter. Nielson noted he had a 50-minute presentation for Paradice and would reduce it to 20 minutes by Friday for the HP Event.

Alvord stated she would give a presentation with Karl Holte on native plants in this area. She also stated she wanted Nielson to introduce Jim Johnston and then have Jim Johnston introduce Ken Reid and recognize Nielson. Alvord also had a presentation on Pocatello streets prepared.

Neu stated she and Herzog would be participating in tours with NKA on May 11 and May 24.

AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION WITH SHPO

Pete L'Orange from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be present to talk with the Commission.

Pete L'Orange with the SHPO updated the commission on the CLG grant distribution structure. He mentioned that last year they proposed changing the distribution structure to be divided into two groups and could only be applied for every other year. During a consultation with the National Park Service, SHPO was told they could not prohibit CLGs from applying in any given year. The proposed structure would be a more competitive model, not population based. Emphasis would be placed on good projects and not on large populated cities to grant funds. The competitive model will be a project-based distribution with scoring criteria. Everyone will submit their applications; they will be scored based on certain criteria, quality of the project, the ability to complete the project, good standing of the CLG, and that sort of thing. One of the considerations would be if the CLG had an open and active grant.

Next, L'Orange discussed the Heritage Partners Committee, the group that organizes the State conference, who decided collectively that the 2017 State Conference would be held in Boise, and that the 2019 location would open again next year, and that the committee would be looking at this part of the state.

L'Orange discussed HPC's CLG project, the Historic Preservation Plan. He clarified with Neu that the RFP would be going out soon and that the extension request had been approved, with August being the drop-dead date. Neu stated it would be mailed out tomorrow. L'Orange strongly encouraged the Commission to be very involved in this process, because the preservation plan would be the HPC's road map going forward and it would provide future ideas for the commission to consider. The plan would guide the HPC and keep them focused in the direction they want. L'Orange offered his assistance and guidance in creating a plan.

Alvord wanted input on the Monarch Building demolition, specifically, how to get support to preserve the building. Neu presented the history and stated the building burnt down three years ago and all that was left was rubble and the front façade. There had been discussions about building two stories to help preserve the façade. L'Orange had experience while in New York, the City Council decided not to designate the property as a park because once designated as a park, it would be hard to sell to someone who might develop it later. One idea was to build a monument that was part of a replica of what used to be there. That Council discussed concerns with multiple stories and instability. He recommended the commission send him documentation, drawing of the existing building, pictures, and ideas of what they would like to do with the building. He would get the information to the appropriate people in his department who would review the information and offer ideas if possible.

Christelow stated Paul Sivitz asked if there was a data set pertaining to Pocatello's early history with respect to African American community. Neu looked into this and found the Census Bureau had this type of information. Alvord suggested getting the Book "The Iron Triangle" and that Kevin Marsh, Mary Watkins, and Idaho Purses are available to answer questions. Neu offered to get a copy. Christelow asked Neu if she would get him a copy. Neu stated she would drop a copy by Sivitz's office this week. Alvord recommended he contact Bannock County History Museum to obtain information on minorities.

AGENDA ITEM #6: CALENDAR OF EVENTS / STAFF COMMENTS

- May 6 – First Friday Art Walk, Neu asked for a volunteer from 5-8 to pass out flyers. Nielson would get back to Neu if he were able to pass out flyers.
- May 6 – "Invasion of the Single-story Menace! The Rise of Ranch Homes in the West" by Pete L'Orange at Marshall Public Library (4:30 pm)
- May 7 – Opening Day for the Farmer's Market in Old Town
- May 17 – "The Chief Theatre Project" by Randy Dixon, Lance Holladay and Jack McCurdy at the Bannock County Historical Museum (7:00 pm)
- May 20-21 – HP Month activities

With no other business, Kuehler motioned and Alvord seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM. Those voting in favor were Alvord, Christelow, Kuehler, Nielson, and Stenersen. Motion passed.

Submitted by: Aceline McCulla
Aceline McCulla, Secretary

Approved on: June 15, 2016