

MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

Twin Falls Historic Preservation Committee

April 15, 2013 1:00 PM

City Council Chambers

305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, ID 83301

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sonia Alexander	Darrell Buffaloe	Jenni Geilman	Ryan Horsley	Norm Tilley	Randall Watson	Debbie Latten
			Vice-Chairman		Chairman	

PRESENT: Alexander, Buffaloe, Geilman, Horsley, Watson, Tilley

ABSENT: Latten

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Hall

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Strickland, Weeks

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Watson verified a quorum and began the meeting at 1:00 pm and introduced staff.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes from the following meeting(s): **March 18, 2013**

MOTION:

Commissioner Horsley made a motion to approve the consent calendar, as presented. Commissioner Tilley seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Presentation on proposed Grant for Lincoln Street Light Poles-Wendy Rice
 - Wendy Rice stated she lives at 147 Lincoln Street and that she owns the property next door to her home which is a rental. She has been talking with the neighbors in the area about the light poles along the street that are in disrepair and has been researching to find a possible Grant that could be applied for to assist in having them restored. The Grant she is looking at is through the Idaho Community Foundation, they prefer that it be administered by a municipality. It would be best to have the project meet the city guidelines. The Grant is open May 1, 2013 and closes in July. She is open to any suggestions of other grants that may work for this type of project and is here to ask for the Historic Preservation Commissions' support.
 - Commissioner Alexander stated she is excited to hear that the people on this street are willing to try and get the lights repaired.
 - Commissioner Horsley asked if the grant has to be submitted by this Commission.
 - Ms. Rice stated that she would be willing to write the grant, they will be asking who would be administering the grant money, and it would be best if the City could be the administering body.
 - Dennis Bowyer, 156 Lincoln Street, a neighbor of Ms. Rice stated he is in support of this project and he is willing to assist her in her efforts. He is familiar with the grant she wants to apply for, and that it would need to be a governing body that administers the grant money.
 - Ms. Rice stated she wanted to talk to the Commission prior to applying for the grant.
 - Commissioner Buffaloe stated that if there is a grant approval and the better they appear their might be some community support for the project. He is in support of this grant 100%.

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- Council Liaison Hall stated to progress through the process it would be recommended that this information be presented to the City Manager/City Council as confirmation that the City would be willing to manage the grant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Horsley made a motion to have City Staff begin working with Ms. Rice to assist her in seeking a grant for the lights on Lincoln Street. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness-Red's Trading Post Ryan Horsley
 - Commissioner Horsley stated that there was a Coke Sprite Boy Sign located on the back of the Magic Glass Building. He has come into ownership of the sign and would like to have it cleaned up and sealed with a protective coating and post it on the wall outside the Red's Trading Post entrance.
 - Commissioner Buffaloe stated that he is in support of saving the sign.
 - Commissioner Tilley stated this is an artifact that should be saved; he wouldn't even consider it a sign.
 - Commissioner Alexander stated that there is always history with things like this and preserving it is wonderful.

MOTION:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for this request. Commissioner Tilley seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Horsley requested that Item #5 be heard prior to Items 3 & 4 so that Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer can make his presentation.

5. Discussion of Railroad Box Car for possible use as a museum –Ryan Horsley
 - Commissioner Horsley stated he, Council Liaison Hall and Parks Recreation Director Bowyer have been working with Twin Falls Preservation, Inc. partners on a possible museum. This group purchased the Grain Elevators from the Urban Renewal Agency and since the purchase they have been working on preserving them and their history as it relates to Twin Falls. The park that is located by the Grain Elevators is taken care of by the City Parks Department. They would like to make improvements to the site and provide possible an old railroad car or a Kiosk that could be used for a historical display. There is an old railroad car that is on property owned by the Urban Renewal Agency. It is up to this group on what their final plans are but they are still not sure what they want to do with the site. The other improvements that are needed at the site include curb, gutter and sidewalk. They have been trying to get cost estimates on making the improvements. This project is still under discussion.
 - Commissioner Horsley stated the main focus for Parks was to have it cleaned up and see what can be done to improve the site. There are new tenants coming into the area that are willing to look at investing in the park and they are trying to keep the discussion moving forward.
3. Discussion of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month – Jenni Geilman/Darrell Buffaloe
 - Commissioner Geilman stated she has a couple of plans in mind for Historic Preservation Month. She and Commissioner Alexander will be doing their History Presentation at Stuart and O'Leary Middle Schools in May. As for the residential home tour she has visited with Russ Tremayne about plans for the May 18th tour. Mr. Tremayne would like to meet at the City Park Bandshell and he would work off of the Original Townsite Residential Historic District pamphlets. He stated that if there are 30 people that works well and if there are more than that the other possibility is that some of the group could tour the City Park Historic District, Commissioner Alexander stated she would be

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willing to guide that tour. If both pamphlets are available and there are quite a few people this might be a plan B. Commissioner Geilman asked if notification to the neighborhood was required because it's a City event.

- Planner I Weeks stated it was suggested that the homes listed in the pamphlet be notified so that the owners would have a chance to take care of their yard if necessary and they aren't wondering why people are standing on the sidewalk outside their homes.
- Commissioner Geilman stated that she would be willing to drop a flier off at the homes listed in the brochure if that would suffice for notification.
- Planner I Weeks stated that should be sufficient.
- Council Liaison Hall stated he thinks because this is not a regular event that it would be nice to try and reach out to the property owners as a courtesy.
- Commissioner Geilman also stated that because of the location and length of the event providing snacks and lunch would be cost prohibitive. She also asked about a means for advertising the event if the flier should be distributed or posted on the web. She stated she will post some of the fliers on the posting boards downtown.
- Planner I Weeks stated that last year the fliers were passed out to different businesses and that staff would try to get it posted on the City website as well as distribute it to public email groups.
- Commissioner Buffaloe stated he did the flier prior to the meeting and he would be willing to make any necessary changes so that it can be ready for distribution.

4. General Discussion on 2012-2013 grant project

- a. Discussion of 5-year plan –Darrell Buffaloe /Randall Watson
- b. Discussion of adding the other Historic Districts to the City Code for preservation –Darrell Buffaloe/Jenni Geilman
 - Commissioner Buffaloe stated he didn't have anything new to add except that the Commission needs to vote on whether or not to approve the plan. He asked if the money from this year's grant has been approved.
 - Planner I Weeks stated she has no news to report.

IV. INPUT AND/OR ITEMS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Commissioner Buffaloe asked for some follow-up for recognition of a local business for maintaining the history of local buildings.
- Planner I Weeks stated she needs to get the item on the City Council Agenda.
- Commissioner Buffaloe offered to assist with putting the staff report together.
- City Council Liaison stated he would like to show the Commission how the meeting appears on the website.
- Planner I Weeks asked the Commission to keep in mind that a couple of openings for Commission members will be available soon.
- Commissioner Alexander stated she would like to talk about the idea of a share fair. She went to the Remnants of Boise Event. She thinks there could be an event done locally and do as well if not better because of all the Bisbee Photos. The Art Center might be interested in showing off their historic memorabilia. Possibly do this next Fall or for the Historic Preservation Month next year.
- Planner I Weeks stated this doesn't have to wait until next year it could be something put together for the Community this year.
- Commissioner Alexander suggested possibly doing it this fall and speaking to the media about helping generate some interest.
- The owner of the Ball Room stated she would be willing to host the event.
- Council Liaison Hall stated he would recommend contacting Bill Nickels because he has a lot of Bisbee Photos and has cataloged historic buildings and signs that are deteriorating around town

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and he could possibly be someone that would be interested in being involved with this Commission.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE:

Regular meeting: [May 20, 2013](#)

VI. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm

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