



MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING

Twin Falls Historic Preservation Committee
July 15, 2013 1:00 PM
City Council Chambers
305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, ID 83301

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER

Darrell Buffaloe Ryan Horsley Randall Watson Debbie Lattin
 Vice-Chairman **Chairman**

PRESENT: Buffaloe, Horsley, Lattin, Watson

ABSENT:

CITY COUNCIL LIASON: Hall

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Weeks, Strickland

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and confirmed a quorum.

1. Elect New Officers

Motion:

Commissioner Buffaloe nominated Commissioner Watson remain as the Chairman for the Commission. Commissioner Lattin seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Watson abstained.

Motion:

Commissioner Watson made a motion to nominate Commissioner Horsley as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Buffaloe seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Horsley abstained.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes from the following meeting(s) : **May 20, 2013**

Motion:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to approve the consent calendar are presented. Commissioner Horsley seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion of Brochures for Twin Falls School District –

- Chairman Watson –asked what the status of this project was.
- Planner I Weeks stated that there needs to be someone assigned to this project now that Commissioner Geilman and Commissioner Alexander are gone.
- Commissioner Buffaloe stated that he would recommend that Commissioner Lattin be assigned to the Education Sub-Committee with him as her assistant.

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Commissioner Horsley stated that once the new members come aboard he would like to see what experience they can offer to make this Commission successful in meeting its goal. He would hate to have people assigned to sub-committees for which they are not comfortable fulfilling or able to participate in successfully.

- Commissioner Buffaloe stated that he would speak with Sonia Alexander and Jenni Geilman about continuing to participate with the historic presentations about the school. Since the two members that were involved with education are not on the Commission, this sub-committee still needs to be in place.

2. General Discussion on 2012-2013 grant project

- Discussion of 5-year plan –Darrell Buffaloe /Randall Watson
 - Commissioner Buffaloe asked about the new computer and where it can be stored. He also explained that he has updated the dates in the plan.
 - Planner I Weeks stated she has asked the Information Systems Department to assist her in purchasing the equipment and it can be stored at the Planning & Zoning Office or the Information Systems Department.
- Discussion of adding the other Historic Districts to the City Code for preservation – Darrell Buffaloe
 - Commissioner Buffaloe reviewed the timeline for the plan and made a recommendation that the houses along the Tree Streets are combined with the Townsite Residential Historic District and just rename it as the Residential Historic District. Both areas are important and it would be easier to move forward with both areas at one time. He also recommended that landscaping requirements be attached or referred to in the overlay districts also. Currently there is only one area of town that has a historic overlay district that is codified. This plan would allow for the other areas to be codified so that some design guidelines can be created and available for property owners when they are remodeling or refurbishing buildings or homes in these overlay districts.
 - Councilman Hall suggested that the goal of implementing a museum address the funding for the project.
 - Planner I Weeks stated that the landscaping is not referred to in the Warehouse Overlay Historic District code section, so she cannot enforce the landscaping.
 - Commissioner Horsley stated that sometimes the code was enforced and in other areas it was not enforced, because the requirements can be costly and therefore it was seen as assisting the area by not requiring landscaping, however if these requirements were more consistent the downtown area would probably look better. Because this area is still looked at as industrial, but it would be nice to tie the requirements to the zone.
 - Councilman Hall stated this landscaping plan was developed for the BID that no longer exists. Without codification of the requirements it is not

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something that can be enforced. The other side is that the cost can be prohibitive to small businesses.

- Commissioner Horsley explained that the amount of landscaping required could be reduced but it should be required, even allowing for a deferral would help the project move forward on a timeline.
 - Councilman Hall recommended that this be brought up to Planning & Zoning for discussion. He also explained that the URA role is to help in areas that need the improvements.
 - Commissioner Horsley stated there is movement in this area of town and he would just like to see if there is a way to make the requirements more consistent.
 - Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to create a sub-committee to review landscape guidelines and discuss codifying these requirements. Commissioner Horsley and Buffaloe volunteered to be part of the sub-committee.
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- Discussion of Lincoln Street Lights project –
 - Wendy Rice reviewed the project and stated that funding of these types of projects is best achieved through having a group that would be responsible for the maintenance. The Idaho Heritage Trust Grant requires 50% match from the CLG Grant electrical, powder coating, tree trimming, globes, hooking the lights together and the 50% would help cover these items. Ann Swanson will be here Thursday July 18, 2013 to meet about this project. She stated that a Power Point presentation has been created to discuss this information with the City Council to ask for their support. There is a timeframe for the submittal date on the grant and this item would have to be scheduled on the City Council Agenda prior to this date.
 - Commissioner Horsley asked that the City Attorney be contacted regarding property issues.
 - Dennis Boyer, Lincoln Street resident stated they would like to have this project completed. In 1917 the plat was recorded, the gas light was converted to electric in 1939 and then in 1979 the 1% initiative was implemented which at that the time the lights were no longer maintained by the City to reduce costs.
 - Commissioner Horsley stated he thinks this is a great project but it should still be discussed with the City Attorney regarding property concerns and maintenance for the lights.
 - Chairman Watson stated he and Commissioner Buffaloe will meet with Ann Swanson to discuss the CLG Grant and the Lincoln Light Project.

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3. Discussion of Preservation Twin Falls Historic Signage – Ryan Horsley
 - Commissioner Horsley stated he has not heard anymore regarding this project but he will touch base with the group to get feedback and get clarification on the project direction.
4. Discussion of Preservation Twin Falls Kiosk Project – Randall Watson
 - Chairman Watson stated he has not had any information regarding this project.
 - Councilman Hall stated there has been significant progress made towards getting curb, gutter and sidewalk completed in this area around the grain elevators. He will keep the Commission informed as progress is made.

IV. INPUT AND/OR ITEMS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

- Commissioner Buffaloe thanked Commissioner Tilley for his time and service on the Commission and his efforts towards getting the design guidelines together for the Warehouse District.
- Commissioner Lattin asked if some education to new Commission members could be provided so that she and the other new members don't feel lost.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE:

Regular meeting: **Monday, August 19, 2013**

VI. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm.

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