



Commissioner Buffaloe explained the Historic Preservation Commission. A committee is put together for special projects as an advisory team. A Commission has authority through City Code to make decisions associated with Certificates of Appropriateness. The Certificate of Appropriateness procedure requires anyone that wants to make changes to the outside of a building located in the Warehouse Historic District request approval of the changes. If approved they receive a Certificate of Appropriateness. If the applicant disagrees with the decision made by the Historic Preservation Commission, they can appeal the decision to the City Council. Two years ago the Historic Preservation Commission was able to have Design Guidelines approved for this Warehouse Historic District. The job of this Commission is to preserve the historical character of the area, not necessarily the economic viability, which can sometimes not coincide. If something proposed will change the historic character of a building it is the Commissions duty to deny the request.

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III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – White Cloud, Joe Shelton

Discussion Followed:

Ken Jackson, representing the applicant, stated that the County has approached the applicant about a wireless tower located at the County Court House. This structure has been located at the Courthouse and it is approximately 35 ft. tall. The structure has fallen apart and the guide wires have pulled out and broken the cement. There is not a way to repair the damage to the Court House roof and so it has been requested that the current equipment be removed. The issue is that the “911 System” uses this tower for emergency purposes. The system can be removed but has to be relocated fairly closely to the old location and be similar in size, so the suggestion was to move the tower to the silos. The pole would be 50’ tall with the dishes toward the center of the tower reducing their visibility. This location was picked because of its proximity to the existing location, if you begin to increase the distance from the existing location it creates communication problems for the emergency service personnel.

Questions/Comments:

- Commissioner Taylor asked if there are any other alternate sites being considered and asked why this location was picked.
- Mr. Jackson explained that there are not any other alternate sites. The height is one reason for this location but if the tower is located any further then it creates dispatch issues for the 911 system.
- Commissioner Taylor stated that she understands the public safety issue but is concerned about the aesthetics of the silos and this opens the door for the silos to become a location for other towers.
- Commissioner Buffaloe explained that the Silos are a landmark for Twin Falls and prior to the Twin Falls Preservation Organization the biggest concern was how to get rid of them. The economics of the project will help to maintain the Silos that would not be here if it weren’t for this organization.
- Mr. Jackson stated that there is already an antenna on the Silos they are just proposing it be removed, replaced and cleaned up.
- Commissioner Taylor stated that is good, but her concern is what are the chances that others will want to use the towers and multiple antennas get put at this site.
- Mr. Jackson stated that it would have to go through this commission for approval.
- Commissioner Buffaloe stated that the Silos would have to be structurally sound to support additional equipment.
- Mr. Jackson explained that the Silos have been cleaned out and secured.
- Commissioner Watson stated the tower being proposed is 50’ and the existing tower on the Silos is 35’ and asked what the reasoning was for the additional height.

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- Mr. Jackson explained that the current tower at the Court House is 50' the proposal is to match what is at the existing site so that it doesn't change the dynamics of the system.
- Commissioner Lattin asked if there will ever be a need to increase the height more than 50'.
- Mr. Jackson stated this height will meet the needs for the 911 System so there will not be a need to increase the height.
- Russ Tremayne stated that this is a complicated issue. He is part of the Twin Falls Preservation Organization and he is also about preserving the historical character of the Silos. However on the other hand, the antenna will provide economic function which in turn will help to maintain the Silos and provide funds for future historic preservation projects.

Motion:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to approve the request, as presented, with staff recommendations. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

APPROVED, AS PRESENTED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary building permits if applicable.
2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Jump Time, Chad Babcock

Discussion Followed:

- Planner I Weeks reviewed the request and exhibits on the overhead. The request is to replace the east overhead door opening with glass doors and a store front along with covering the west overhead door with siding to match the existing exterior. The applicant would like to install a new sign on the east side of the building located at 302 3rd Avenue South. The building was constructed in 1980 and is a non-contributing building it is at the former site of the Sinclair and Fletcher Oil Company. The most recent use of the building was Nazz Kart, classified as an indoor recreation facility. Jump Time would have the same classification and is basically trampolines set up for public to come in and use. The remaining changes will be interior, and other than the doors and signage there will not be any changes to the exterior.
- Commissioner Taylor asked about the landscaping and asked if it is possible to see the landscaping improve with this change.
- Commissioner Horsley stated he has spoken with Councilman Hall about the landscaping concerns in this area.

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Motion:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to approve the request, as presented, with staff recommendations. Commissioner Lattin seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

APPROVED, AS PRESENTED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary building permits if appropriate
2. Subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary sign permit if appropriate.

Motion:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to amend the agenda and move the training & the five year plan discussion to the next meeting's Agenda. Commissioner Horsley seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Training Session – Darrell Buffaloe **(moved to September Agenda)**
4. 2013 Idaho State Historical Society Community Enhancement Grant Program – Randall Watson/Darrell Buffaloe

Discussion Followed:

Commissioner Buffaloe explained that the Idaho State Historical Society Community Enhancement Grant is a grant that the Historic Preservation Commission has never pursued. It is one that the Commission should apply for but the application has to be postmarked no later than August 30, 2013. It ranges from 500 to 2500 and covers things like education. He would like to apply for the grant to help the HPC Education Committee in developing a curriculum that could be used. The money could even be used to pay for consulting to assist in developing the program. He explained that the requirements are the same as CLG for matching. This grant would be in addition to the CLG grant funds.

Motion:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to apply for the Idaho State Historical Society Community Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$2,500. Commissioner Horsley seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

APPROVED

5. Discussion of 2013-2014 CLG Grant – Kelly Weeks

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Buffaloe explained that after meeting with Ann Swanson regarding the Lincoln Street Lights project, it was determined that the Idaho Heritage Trust Grant will not provide enough funds to complete the project. It was suggested that possibly a

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couple lights be restored and work on it year to year until the project is done. The CLG grant could possibly offer some matching funds to assist in this project because the lights are listed on the National Historic Registry.

- Commissioner Rice explained that there has been some unexpected resistance to having the lights all connected to each other. She stated that everyone agrees that they would like the lights repainted and refurbished, but some would like to be able to maintain the electrical portion of the lights. If the cost of the electrical work is removed from the grant request it reduces the amount needed for the project considerably. The other option may be to request the funds to cover all the restoration of the light poles without any electrical work being included until the specifics can be worked out with the property owners.
- Commissioner Buffaloe stated that he thinks the Commission should apply for the CLG Grant but ask for twice as much so that if the money for the light project is not approved the Commission can still move forward with another project.
- Planner I Weeks stated the Commission can apply for the maximum.

Motion:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to apply for the Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$6000 toward the Lincoln Street Light Project and \$6000 to add design guidelines for the Historic Park District. Commissioner Horsley seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

APPROVED

- Chairman Watson asked for volunteers to take care of the paperwork for the grant proposals.
- Commissioner Buffaloe stated that he would be willing to put together the grant paperwork for the Idaho State Historical Society Community Enhancement Grant and the Certified Local Government Grant. He also stated he would try to get some information on the Idaho Humanities Grant also and report back to the Commission.
- Commissioner Rice stated she would manage the Idaho Heritage Trust Grant paperwork.
- Planner I Weeks also reminded the Commission that the 2013 CLG Grant paperwork needs to be finalized. She will follow-up with the Commissioners if any additional information is needed prior to the next meeting.
- Chairman Watson stated he will work on the year -end report.

6. Discussion of Brochures for Twin Falls School District – Debbie Lattin/Darrell Buffaloe

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Buffaloe stated that he will follow up on the information and report back to the Commission.

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7. General Discussion on 2012-2013 grant project **(moved to September meeting)**
 - Discussion of 5-year plan –Darrell Buffaloe /Randall Watson Discussion of adding the other Historic Districts to the City Code for preservation –Darrell Buffaloe
 - Discussion of Lincoln Street Lights project –
8. Discussion of Preservation Twin Falls Historic Signage – Ryan Horsley

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Horsley he has nothing new to report. He did ask if any of the educational grants that are being considered would cover signage that displays historical information.
9. Discussion of Preservation Twin Falls Kiosk Project – Randall Watson

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Watson stated he has nothing new to report. The project is still in the planning stages.

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

- Commissioner Horsley would like to consider having working committees in the future to help make progress in the downtown area. He stated the Main Street Approach focuses on four different elements with working committees for each of these areas:
 - Promotion,
 - Design,
 - Economic Restructuring; and
 - Organization

He thinks that the City needs to be in charge of these committees so that the activities that are happening to promote growth in the downtown area can be more unified. The concern is that there is not a need for another Business Improvement District (BID) that is a taxing entity, and it needs to be done under the City of Twin Falls. This Commission could be the leaders in this area.

- Planner I Weeks stated that there was supposed to be a meeting in August with the downtown business group that the City staff was going to attend. However, the group was not going to talk about the Main Street Approach because they didn't get the application submitted in time. There were too many items in the application that were not complete and information that was not readily available at the last minute. City staff discussed this and Melinda Anderson the Economic Development Director has been assigned as the City representative and contact for this project. The City does not want to spearhead the project but is willing to participate, be a member of the Board and assist as needed. Jerry Miller who is in charge of Main Street Approach in Boise is

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scheduled to be here next month, to discuss the process with the downtown business owners. She will keep the Commission informed on any progress that is made.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE:

Regular meeting: **Monday, September 16, 2013**

VI. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.

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