



Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2021, 3:00 PM

203 Main Avenue East
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Council Chambers

Members: Samra Culum Chairperson, Doug Baughman Vice Chairperson, Jennifer Shaffer, Ben Woodbury, Lisa Maas, Allen Easterling

Council Liaison: Craig Hawkins

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Culum called the meeting to order at 03:02 PM

A quorum was present.

Members Present: Culum, Baughman, Maas, Easterling

Liaison: Hawkins

Staff Present: Hart, Ebersole, Strickland

2) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Commissioner Baughman made a motion to approve the consent calendar, as presented. Commissioner Maas seconded the motion.

Unanimously Approved by a vote of 4-0

a) Approval of Minutes from the following meeting: January 4, 2021

3) Certificate of Appropriateness

a) Procedure

City Planner Strickland presented the procedure for a Certificate of Appropriateness. A Certificate of Appropriateness is brought to the Historic Preservation Commission when there is a request to alter the exterior of a building in one of the three City of Twin Falls historic districts (Downtown, Warehouse, City Park)

- Chairperson Culum asked for clarification between contributing and noncontributing buildings in a historic district.
- City Planner Strickland clarified a contributing building in the historic districts still appear to be as originally built. Noncontributing buildings in the historic districts have had alternations made that have removed the historic characteristics of the building.
- Chairperson Culum asked what happens when a noncontributing building in the historic districts want to make changes.
- City Planner Strickland stated any building in the historic districts wanting to alter the exterior of the building must come to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Commissioner Baughman stated they would look at the district as a whole to see if the changes of the noncontributing building will have an adverse affect on the district as a

whole.

- Commissioner Baughman stated the original townsite is not a codified district that the commission oversees.
- Chairperson Culum stated a survey of the residential district was done in 2000, but the commission does not any oversight over changes to those properties.
- Chairperson Culum asked the response rate to applicants.
- City Planner Strickland clarified the review timeline.

4) New Business

a) Local Historic District Information – Dan Everhart

Dan Everhart, Outreach Historian for the Idaho State Historic Office, gave a presentation on local Historic Districts. He gave an overview of the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant process. He discussed the creation process of historic districts.

- City Planner Strickland asked Mr. Everhart for a recommendation for the cycle of surveying properties.
- Mr. Everhart stated there is no hard and fast regulation, but it is appropriate to survey for contributing and noncontributing buildings every 15 - 25 years for districts where there is not a lot of change. He stated there is no reason not to survey other areas outside of the current districts, as there are a lot of historic buildings in Twin Falls.
- City Planner Strickland shared the history how the Historic Preservation Commission was established. She reviewed how new districts come in to existence.
- Mr. Everhart agreed that Idaho State law does not allow residents to make their own historic district with their own oversight of district. Districts must be generated by City and/or County government, being responsive to the citizens desires.
- Mr. Everhart stated city's guidelines can be more specifically tailored to the city. Local government will reference the Secretary's of Interior's standards while creating design guidelines. He spoke to the Secretary of Interior standards. Design guidelines are specific to the city.
- Vice Chair Baughman spoke to the Secretary of Interior guidelines used as the starting foundation to a city's design guidelines.
- Mr. Everhart stated the period of significance for the original townsite contributing retaining integrity is 1904 - 1950. He stated there is an allowance under State law for local landmarks within city limits that does not allow for a local design review.

5) Upcoming Meeting(s)

a) Monday, February 8, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Kelli Ebersole

Kelli Ebersole, Administrative Assistant