



Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

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Minutes of January 18, 2019

Meeting called to order: by Chairman Bernie Zimmerman at 9:00 a.m. Location: City Hall, Nevada City.

Commissioners and Staff present: Bernie Zimmerman, Niel Locke, Elinor Barnes, Jim Dierberger, Felicia Tracy, Mike Kochis, Audrey Trauntvein and Jeff Thorsby (County Liaison/Staff).

Commissioners absent: Joe Byrne, Fran Cole, and Barbara Czerwinski due to chain controls on Donner Summit.

Guests: Charlie Jakobs - Consultant, Jerry Martini - Consultant, Steve & Cindy Giardina - Proprietors of Golden Era, Bruce Boyd - North Columbia Cultural Center/School

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Elinor Barnes

Approval of minutes from the December 9, 2018 meeting: Motion by Niel Locke, Second by Jim Dierberger. The minutes were approved.

Commissioner's Reports

A. Chairman:

1. Correspondence

- a. A card was received from the San Francisco History Center.
- b. EBI sent a letter in regards to a proposed AT&T telecommunications facility project on Globe Lane, off Wolf Road, in the south county. The Commission is unaware of any known historical sites in that area.
- c. A letter was received regarding the Nevada County cannabis ordinance. It was decided that it would be inappropriate for the Commission to comment on it.
- d. Bernie Zimmerman reported that he will be giving a presentation to the Daughters of the American Revolution on January 28th.

2. Members were reminded to complete the required Ethics Training Course online.

3. North Columbia Cultural Center: Bruce Boyd discussed the history of the school house and his involvement in its restoration and renovation in the past. Grants were received in the past, but new grant proposals have included restrictions that limit what work may be done. He requested that the Commission work with him on grant application with funds designated for a new roof, fascia, and a reconstruction of the bell tower. Elinor Barnes motioned to move ahead with the application, Jim Dierberger seconded. Motion passed. Elinor Barnes will take the lead, and work with Bruce Boyd, as well as Jeff Thorsby, who will seek additional personnel from the County.

B. Secretary-Treasurer: Absent (No report)

C. Promotion Director: Absent (No report)

Old Business

1. **Videos:** The first video interview, with Dave Comstock, has been completed. The next video will be with Bill Falconi and Wally Krill.

2. **Wolf Plaque:** On hold due to the weather. The installation will be completed when the ground is workable.

3. **Jones Hospital Plaque:** Howard Levine is busy with other issues at this time. Mike Kochis will contact Gage McKinney to discuss fabrication of the plaque.

4. **Golden Era:** Steve and Cindy Giardina were presented with their plaque at the meeting. A dedication ceremony date of March 29, 2019, at 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. was decided upon.

5. **Pioneer Plaque:** Nothing new.

6. **Ski Sport Museum:** Jeff Thorsby reported that he had discussed the issue of the potential removal of the Nevada County landmark, currently at Boreal Ski area, to a site in Squaw Valley, in Placer County. He was advised that legally it can be moved, and that Nevada County has no say in the issue.

7. **Landmarks Week:** Niel Locke and Bernie Zimmerman will be meeting with Scott Lay, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, to discuss participation by individual schools.

8. **Landmarks Anniversary Announcements:** Nothing new.

9. **Logging:** Felicia Tracy reported on a conversation with Lock Richards regarding the last lumber mill teepee burner in our county. There are several parcels on the original site, one being owned by Pendola Enterprises.

10. Cemeteries: Elinor Barnes reported that two applications for designation are soon to be submitted. They are the Rough and Ready Cemetery and the Truckee Cemetery.

11. 50th Anniversary: Niel Locke and Felicia Tracy have met, and extensive notes were compiled and discussed. The event is scheduled for April 29, 2019, at an undetermined site. Any additions or suggestions to the notes should be emailed to Felicia. Bernie Zimmerman proposed that the Commission request a resolution from the Board of Supervisors for the event.

12. Commission Composition: Bernie Zimmerman discussed updating the Commission bylaws, which were last updated in 2000. Duties of the members of the Commission need to be defined. The Brown Act was discussed in relation to email communications.

13. Lake Tahoe Railway: Bernie Zimmerman reported that the Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to pay for a new plaque to replace the one that was vandalized years ago. They do not want to be responsible for its installation. Barbara Czerwinski was contacted by phone, and reported that the Truckee Donner Railroad Society are interested in helping out, but they would like to relocate the plaque to a new site for safety and higher tourist visibility. Barbara will take the lead on the application with the Truckee City Council.

14. Ellen Sargent Plaque: Bernie Zimmerman will ask for the support of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the previous mentioned meeting.

15. Truckee Roundhouse Plaque: No report.

16. Birchville: Nothing new to report.

17. Maintenance Issues:

A. Pioneer Cemetery: Nothing new to report.

18. Potential Historic Designations:

A. Kentucky Flat School: Mike Kochis had an informal conversation with Grass Valley School District Superintendent Eric Fredrickson, who expressed enthusiasm and support for the project. Mike will work with Joe Byrne on moving this project forward.

New Business

1. Loma Rica Development: Bernie Zimmerman reported that a goal of the Commission is to place a plaque in recognition of mine owner, aviator, and the original ranch developer Errol MacBoyle.

2. **Mule Spring Trip:** Mike Kochis reported that he, along with Charlie Jakobs and Jerry Martini, will explore the area when road conditions are passable in April or May to determine the feasibility of a field trip.

3. **Barlow Model Railroad:** Bernie Zimmerman proposed a field trip to visit this railroad, with the monthly meeting to be held in Chicago Park.

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Public Comments: None

Next Meeting:

February 15, 2019, 9:00 am.

Location: Nevada City Council Chambers, City Hall, Nevada City

Refreshments: Audrey Trauntvein

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Minutes approved: February 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kochis, District II Commissioner

