



Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

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Minutes – March 28, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bernie Zimmerman at 10:06 a.m.

Location: Meeting House, Woolman School, 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City

Commissioners present: Bernie Zimmerman, Fran Cole, Elinor Barnes, Felicia Tracy, Niel Locke, Audrey Trauntvein, Joe Byrne, and Mike Kochis.

Commissioners absent: Barbara Czerwinski (I-80 was closed) and Jim Dierberger

Guests and Consultants: Jeffery Thorsby (County Liaison), Charlie Jakobs, Chuck Scimeca, Jack Stillens, Amy Cooke (Woolman School) and Trish Tillotson (Nevada County Public Works)

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Joe Byrne.

Approval of minutes from February meeting: **Motion** by Niel, Second by Felicia. Approved

Commissioner's Reports:

A. Chairman:

1. Bernie reported on the Budget presentation to Supervisors Anderson and Hall. Supervisor Anderson wants to include the Truckee schools in Local History Week. At the May meeting, we will have our elections. Bernie has appointed Niel as Elections Czar. Commissioners interested in serving in office should contact Niel. On May 6, Bernie will be giving a presentation to the Retired Schoolteachers of Nevada County.

B. Secretary-Treasurer:

Finance. Joe reported on the current financial status of the Commission.

C. Promotion Director:

Videos. Fran reported that the first draft of videos is available. They are with Dave Comstock and Bernie and with Niel, Bill Falconi and Wally Krill. It was approved that editing of the videos be paid.

Old Business:

1. 50th Anniversary. The contract has been signed with the North Star House. Jeff will oversee the insurance and the sound system. The Committee (Niel, Fran and Joe) will finalize the guest list and get out invitations.

2. Wolf Plaque: Joe reported that the plaque will be finished as weather permits.
3. Jones Hospital. Nothing new
4. Landmarks Week. Nothing new
5. Logging. Nothing new
6. Cemeteries. Elinor reported that the Rough and Ready Cemetery is ready to designate. She is also investigating the Pine St Cemetery which has a number of graves of Civil war veterans. A veteran's organization is interested in repairing headstones and erecting a flag. Bernie mentioned that the Supervisors at the Budget meeting expressed interest in landmarking the Chinese Cemetery.
7. Wine Industry. Nothing new
8. Commission Composition. Bernie announced that Jim Dierberger submitted his resignation as he is moving out of state. Fran also said that she was submitting her resignation as she was moving out of the County.
9. Lake Tahoe Railway. Nothing new
10. Ellen Sargent Plaque. Because of uncertainty as to sidewalk work at the Sargent House, the Commission might consider another significant site to commemorate her.
11. Mule Spring Field trip. Planning is dependent on the weather and Spring Thaw.
12. Maintenance Issues.
Pioneer cemetery was designated a Landmark by the Native Daughters and Native Sons and in 1974 was designated a County site of Historic Interest. .
13. Potential Historic Designations:
 - A. Historic Schools- Jack Stillens will work with Mike Kochis on Kentucky Flat School.
 - B. Birchville. Chuck Scimeca passed out a paper and gave a presentation on Birchville. He and Bernie will discuss an application.

New Business

1. African American Cemeteries Act. Linda Jack from the NC Historical Society wanted to make a presentation but was unable to attend. This issue will be put back on the agenda when she can attend.
2. Nevada County Capital Improvement Plan. Trish Tillotson reported on the Plan. The Plan is a forward-looking 5-year projection of Capital improvements by the County, including those which might affect landmarked properties. The Commission will be notified of work which might impact a landmark.

Good of the Order:

Elinor mentioned that May Martin Goyne was a significant artist with profound local roots. She worked at both the Foundry and the Nevada Theater. This raises the issue of a plaque for a person rather than a place. More discussion will be had at the next meeting.

Fran informed everyone about the Constitutional Challenge to be held by the League of Women Voters on May 3. It will be a team competition testing legal and historical knowledge.

Public Comments:

Amy Cooke gave a presentation and tour of Woolman School and submitted an application. Joe and Audrey will review the Application.

Next Meeting:

April 19, 2019, 9:00 am. Location: Nevada City Council Chambers.
Refreshment responsibility; Niel Locke

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 pm

Minutes approved: April 19, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Joe Byrne, Secretary/Treasurer

