



Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

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Minutes of April 17, 2020

Location: Remote access through online video conferencing, or phone, due to the Covid 19 shelter in place orders. Parts of the Brown Act were waived by Governor Newsom, in regards to holding public meetings.

Meeting called to order by: Chair Bernie Zimmerman at 9:01 a.m.

Commissioners present: Elinor Barnes, Bruce Boyd, Joe Byrne, Barbara Czerwinski, Mike Kochis, Niel Locke, Jerry Martini, Felicia Tracy, Audrey Trauntvein, and Bernie Zimmerman.

Commissioners absent: None.

Guests and consultants: Grace Zimmerman

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Jerry Martini.

Approval of minutes from the previous meeting: Motion to accept by Jerry Martini, second by Felicia Tracy. Niel Locke abstained. The minutes were approved by vote.

Commissioner's Reports:

A. Chairperson:

1. Bernie Zimmerman reported on the updated Nevada County interactive map. Bernie would like us to look it over for errors.
2. The Nevada County Historical Society bulletin was published with the emphasis on Women's Suffrage, and includes an article written by Bernie on Ellen Clark Sargent.

B. Secretary-Treasurer:

1. Mike Kochis reported on the current financial status of the Commission.

C. Promotions Director:

1. Audrey Trauntvein had no updates.

Old Business:

1. **Ellen Sargent plaque:** We are waiting to hear from the Board of Supervisors on approval.
2. **Budget:** Mike Kochis and Bernie Zimmerman met by telecommunication with the Board's budget subcommittee, which included Barry Anderson, and Supervisors Dan Miller and Heidi Hall, regarding our new budget. A lengthy discussion was held as the Commission has been budgeted \$5000, but about \$1300 will be deducted for a GIS mapping charge. The rationale for this charge was explained.
3. **Woolman School:** Nothing to report.
4. **Kentucky Flat School:** Nothing to report.
5. **Lake Tahoe Railway plaque:** Nothing to report.
6. **Pioneer plaque:** Nothing to report.
7. **Truckee Freemasons plaque:** Nothing to report.
8. **Sally Lewis plaque:** Mike Kochis completed a revision of the wording of the plaque, which was approved by Niel Locke. The plaque will be submitted for fabrication.
9. **Birchville plaque:** After much debate and research, historical inaccuracies regarding correct spelling of Lumon Birch Adsit has been resolved, and the plaque will be submitted for fabrication.
10. **Ethnic Community Landmarks:** Nothing new from Linda Jack. Elinor Barnes and Jerry Martini had nothing new to add regarding their research. Bernie Zimmerman mentioned the possible recognition Ah Louie, a member of the Chinese community in Grass Valley, and Chief Wemah, Nisenan Tribal Chief. Niel Locke and Jerry Martini will further explore with their community contacts.
11. **Idaho-Maryland Mine:** The Historic Properties Inventory was discussed. Bernie Zimmerman felt that from a historical perspective, this document is inadequate in many ways, and has very little analysis. Bernie composed a letter to send to the Community Development Agency, of the Nevada

County Planning Department. Niel Locke moved, and Bruce Boyd seconded. The motion passed by vote. Bruce Boyd suggested a copy of the letter be sent to Supervisor Dan Miller, which was approved by the members.

12. **Edward Crossing Bridge:** The project is in preliminary review by the County Department of Transportation for an Environmental Impact Report. A minor survey is currently being undertaken at the site.

Potential Historic Designations:

A. **Alexander Property:** Nothing to report.

B. Historic Schools:

1. **Lime Kiln:** Nothing to report.

2. **Indian Springs:** Nothing to report.

C. **Truckee Veterans Memorial Building and Rocking Stone Tower:** Nothing to report.

D. **The McGlashan Butterfly Collection:** Nothing to report.

New Business:

1. None.

Good of the Order:

1. Joe Byrne reported on Beale Air Force Base. It has an amazing history, but not much of it occurred in Nevada County. German prisoners of war were held there during World War II. There were three missile silos located in various locations, and the location was also a finalist for the site of the Air Force Academy.

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting: May 15, 2020

Location: Chamber Meeting Room, City Hall, 317 Broad St., Nevada City, CA 95959

Refreshment responsibility: Niel Locke

Meeting adjourned at: 9:38 a.m.

Minutes approved: May 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kochis - Secretary/Treasurer