Minutes – April 19, 2019

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairperson Barbara Czerwinski at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Chamber Meeting Room, City Hall, 317 Broad St, Nevada City

Commissioners present: Barbara Czerwinski, Felicia Tracy, Niel Locke, Audrey Trauntvein, Joe Byrne, and Mike Kochis.

Commissioners absent: Bernie Zimmerman and Elinor Barnes

Guests and Consultants: Jeffery Thorsby (County Liaison), Charlie Jakobs, Chuck Scimeca, Jerry Martini and Linda Jack (Nevada County Historical Society)

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Audrey.

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

Commissioner’s Reports:

A. Vice-Chairperson:

1. Barbara reminded the Commission that this year will be the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

B. Secretary-Treasurer:

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

Old Business:

1. 50th Anniversary. Felicia went over the list of invitees as well as the “To Do” list for the celebration at the North Star House on April 29. Jeff delivered a Proclamation from Brian Dahle of the State Assembly commemorating the Commission.

2. Vacancies. There is an application for the vacancy in District 3. No one has yet applied for District 4’s vacancy.

3. Wolf Plaque. No word on availability from Steve Fry.

4 Jones Hospital. Nothing new.
4. **Landmarks Week.** Bernie, Mike and Niel met with Scott Lay, Superintendent of Schools. The present plan is to have those schools that would not require busses to participate with the school district and the County splitting the costs. The students would return to their schools before lunch.

5. **Logging.** Nothing new

6. **Cemeteries.** On behalf of Elinor, Joe presented the application for Rough and Ready cemetery. After review, there was a **MOTION** by Niel seconded by Mike to approve the Application. It was approved.

7. **Woolman School.** Joe reported that he and Audrey had reviewed the application. They will meet with the school to focus the application on the uniqueness of the school's origins and site selection of Nevada County.

8. **Birchville.** On behalf of Bernie, Chuck Scimeca submitted an application by Lee and Lisa Renner. Mike has already reviewed and approved the Application.

9. **Lake Tahoe Railway.** Barbara reported that there are on-going discussions as to plaque placement with the Truckee-Donner Railroad Assn.

10. **Pioneer Plaque.** The plaque is still in Barbara's garage pending fund raising efforts. Only about 15% of the necessary funds for the monument and grounds have been raised.

11. **Ellen Sargent Plaque.** Nothing new

12. **Mule Spring Field trip.** Planning is dependent on the weather- probably after June.

13. **Maintenance Issues.**
   - **Pioneer Cemetery.** This item should be removed as it is now the responsibility of the Cemetery District and the City.

14. **Potential Historic Designations:**
   - **A. Historic Schools.** Jack Stillens will work with Mike Kochis on Kentucky Flat School.
   - **B. Chinese Cemetery.** Niel mentioned that the owners are still interested in landmarking the site.
   - **C. Truckee Veterans Memorial Building.** Barbara finished responding to questions and the application should be approved by August 1 in Sacramento.

**New Business**

1. **African American Cemeteries Act.** Linda Jack from the NC Historical Society made a presentation on HR 1179 and requested that the Commission endorse the bill. After discussion with Jeff, it was felt that endorsement of legislation should be left to the Board of Supervisors.

2. **Mary Martin Goyne.** It was thought that her first name is May. Discussion was deferred until Elinor returns.

**Good of the Order:**
Barbara handed out a calendar of upcoming historic events in Truckee. She also noted that she had reviewed the EIR for the Dry Creek Restoration Plan and that there were no objections.

Public Comments:

None

Next Meeting:
May 17, 2019, 9:00 am. Location: Nevada City Council Chambers.
Refreshment responsibility; Bernie Zimmerman (in absentia)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 pm
Minutes approved: May 17, 2019
Respectfully submitted: Joe Byrne, Secretary/Treasurer