



Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

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Minutes of May 15, 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 9:02 a.m.

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

Commissioners absent: Audrey Trauntvein

Guests and consultants: Grace Zimmerman

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Bernie Zimmerman

Approval of minutes from the previous meeting: Motion to accept by Niel Locke, second by Barbara Czerwinski. The minutes were approved by vote.

Commissioner's Reports:

A. Chairperson:

1. An update was received regarding the Idaho-Maryland mine, which was circulated to the members.
2. Nevada County's interactive map has been updated. Bernie Zimmerman sent a letter of commendation for a job well done. Bernie suggested we do a press release.

B. Secretary-Treasurer:

1. Mike Kochis reported on the current financial status of the Commission. We are awaiting for the County to issue payment to Grass Valley Sign Co. in the amount of \$2,231.16 for the Birchville and Sally Lewis plaques.

C. Promotions Director:

1. Audrey Trauntvein was absent.

Old Business:

1. **Ellen Sargent plaque:** Ellen Sargent recognition is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on May 26. The Native Daughters of the Golden West and the Nevada County Historical Society will make virtual presentations. Bernie Zimmerman will also attend and present virtually. Bernie is trying to gather the funding from each group to send to the fabricators. The cost of fabrication is \$1204, plus tax and shipping. The Native Daughters has a spending cap of \$350. If there is a shortfall, Bernie proposed the Commission make up for this lack of funding not to exceed \$100. Niel Locke moved, and Felica Tracy seconded. The motion passed. The proposed dedication ceremony is August 20, 2020, which is the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the 19th amendment.
2. **Woolman School:** Nothing to report.
3. **Kentucky Flat School:** Nothing to report.
4. **Lake Tahoe Railway plaque:** Nothing to report.
5. **Pioneer plaque:** Nothing to report.
6. **Truckee Freemasons plaque:** Nothing to report.
7. **Sally Lewis plaque:** The plaque has arrived from the manufacturer. Niel Locke will take the lead on installation and related activities.
8. **Birchville plaque:** The plaque has arrived from the manufacturer. Mike Kochis will connect with Chuck Scimeca regarding its installation.
9. **Ethnic Community Landmarks:** Mike Kochis met with Dr. Larry Fore, one of the last residents of Grass Valley's Chinatown, but did not glean much new information. Bernie Zimmerman has been in contact with the Nevada County Historical Society, and Gage McKinney, for further input on the topic. Bruce Boyd reported that there was an archaeological study done in the 80's of the

Chinese influence in Malakoff. Chuck Scimeca sent a youtube video, made by the USFS regarding the Chinese and their role in construction of the railroad over Donner Pass, which was forwarded to the members.

10. **Idaho-Maryland Mine:** The content in the previously mentioned correspondence has no relevance to the Commission.

11. **Edward Crossing Bridge:** Nothing to report.

12. **Cemeteries:** Elinor Barnes is researching the Lutheran Church cemetery in Chicago Park.

13. **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. **Elections:** Niel Locke will contact each member about possible officer positions for the upcoming year.

Good of the Order:

1. Bernie Zimmerman reported that his book “Ghost Towns of Nevada County” is now available free online at Apple Books.

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting: June 19, 2020

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

Refreshment responsibility: Niel Locke

Meeting adjourned at: 9:40 a.m.

Minutes approved: June 19, 2020

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kochis - Secretary/Treasurer