



Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

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Minutes – May 17, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bernie Zimmerman at 9:02 a.m.
Location: Chamber Meeting Room, City Hall, 317 Broad St, Nevada City

Commissioners present, Bernie Zimmerman, Felicia Tracy, Niel Locke, Audrey Trauntvein, Joe Byrne, and Elinor Barnes

Commissioners absent: Mike Kochis and Barbara Czerwinski (I-80 closed due to weather)

Guests and Consultants: Charlie Jakobs, Chuck Scimeca, and Jerry Martini.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Audrey.

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

Commissioner's Reports:

A. Chairperson:

1. Bernie reported that he gave a presentation to the Retired Teachers Association of Nevada County, accompanied by his wife, Grace Suarez, and Fran Cole. The talk was very well received and Fran sold 4 books.
2. Bernie and Chuck Scimeca visited the headquarters of the Native Daughters of the Golden West in San Francisco. They were able to view a number of early documents on NC Landmarks and he and Grace hope to return on June 6 to scan or image some of them. Bernie would like to establish a closer relationship with the local Parlors who may be interested in a joint project to recognize Ellen Sargent.
3. Bernie discussed a NC Historical Society story on the background of Nevada City's Historical District Ordinance.

B. Secretary-Treasurer:

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

Old Business:

1. 50th Anniversary. Everyone was very pleased with the Anniversary celebration and the Commission thanked Felicia and Niel for their hard work.

2. Vacancies. There is interest from a number of candidates for the vacancies, including Chuck Scimeca and Jerry Martini. All were urged to submit their applications. Fran has agreed to hang onto the books until a new publicity/social media director is named.

3. Videos. Niel agreed to follow up with Fran to get the edited versions of the latest videos.

4 Wolf Plaque. The mount for the plaque was finished. It is hoped that a BBQ/Picnic might be held at the final installation and dedication, possibly in the fall.

5 Jones Hospital. Howard Levine was thinking perhaps after the 4th of July that he might have a dedication. Progress on the installation is unknown.

6. Local History Week. Some county funding will be available for busing students to events. Bernie, Mike and a representative from the Historical Society will meet with Scott Lay, Superintendent of Schools to determine what schools will participate.

7. Logging. Cindy Anderson is writing a book on logging in Nevada County. Felicia met with Cindy who has gathered 20 hours of oral history.

8. Cemeteries. Elinor reported that the Board designated the Rough and Ready Cemetery as an Historical Landmark. Elinor and Bernie will work on a press release. Elinor and Audrey have also visited the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery which is the next candidate for designation.

9. Woolman School. Joe reported that he and Audrey are meeting with the School next week to review the application. They hope to have an application for review at the June meeting.

10. Birchville. An application was submitted by Lee and Lisa Renner to designate the former site of St. Columille Catholic Church. Mike and Bernie had already reviewed and approved the Application. **Motion** by Niel, seconded by Joe was carried unanimously to recommend the designation to the Board. A further **Motion** was made by Niel, seconded by Felicia carried unanimously to engage a sketch artist at a cost of not more than \$500 to provide a rendering of the church as it had sat on the site to be included on the plaque.

11. Lake Tahoe Railway. At this point, Barbara joined the meeting by phone and she and Bernie reported that most of the issues around the plaque have been resolved- just have some questions on plaque verbiage which depends on whether Truckee applies for Landmark Designation.

12. Pioneer Plaque. Barbara still has the plaque. Fund raising for the new area at the park is going slowly and it will be some time before it is complete. Bernie and Barbara will follow up with State Parks to see if a place can be found to mount the plaque.

13. Truckee Roundhouse Plaque. Bernie wants to get a new plaque and send a demand letter to those who took the plaque to either return it or pay for the replacement.

14. Ellen Sargent Plaque. Nothing new

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

16. Potential Historic Designations:

- A. Historic Schools- Jack Stillens and Mike Kochis will be meeting with the Superintendent of Grass Valley schools.
- B Chinese Cemetery. Nothing new.
- C. Truckee Veterans Memorial Building. Nothing New.
- D. Ski Museum. Bernie believes that the Commission paid for the plaque on the Snowshoe Thompson statue and that we should require that they remount it.

New Business

1. Elections. We will have elections at the June meeting. The proposed officers are Bernie as Chair, Barbara as Vice-Chair, Mike as Secretary-Treasurer, and Audrey as Promotion Director.
2. May Martin Goyne. After discussion, there was a **Motion** by Felicia, seconded by Elinor that it would be appropriate to recognize an individual or group of individuals if there was an owner willing to apply for designation on his/her property, and that property had a significant nexus to the individual or group to be honored.
3. Sally Lewis. Bernie wanted to encourage the owners of The Nevada Theater to apply for a plaque honoring Sally Lewis.

At this point, Barbara left her phone attendance of the Meeting.

4. Barlow train layout. Bernie suggested that we have the August meeting in Chicago Park at Dick Barlow's residence. Dick has an extensive whimsical train layout which Commissioners might enjoy.

Good of the Order:

None

Public Comments:

None

Next Meeting:

June 21, 2019, 9:00 am. Location: Board of Supervisors Conference Room prior to traveling to Birchville and on to Malakoff Diggings. Refreshment responsibility; each commissioner should bring their own lunch.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 am

Minutes approved: June 21, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Joe Byrne, Secretary/Treasurer