



**Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission**

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**Minutes of September 20, 2019**

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

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

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

**Commissioners absent:** Joe Byrne

**Guests and consultants:** Consultants Dave Comstock and Charlie Jakobs, Amy and Chamba Cooke and Patricia Phillips of the Woolman School, Jessica Hankins of Nevada County Public Works, Pamela Biery, who works with the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Barbara Czerwinski.

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

**Commissioner's Reports:**

**A. Chairperson:**

1. The Kentucky Flat school application was received. Mike will work with Jack Stillens on adding additional pertinent information to the application . Bernie and Mike will then evaluate it.
2. An update on Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) Meadow Restoration on Dog Valley Road was sent to us for informational purposes.

3. Richard Anderson, Nevada County Superintendent of District V, will not seek reelection.
4. A proposed name change of Negro Canyon to Johnson Canyon, in the the Donner Lake area, was discussed. The Commission will not be involved in this decision.

**B. Secretary-Treasurer:**

1. The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission's current available balance is \$3795.00.

**C. Promotions Director:**

1. Audrey reported she has more rack cards. Also, we have 716 followers on Facebook, and 1175 on Instagram.

**Old Business:**

1. **Wolf Plaque:** Bernie reported Andrea and Paul McKim, south county residents, will help Felicia, Bernie, and Grace with the dedication ceremony and BBQ. RSVP's have not been received by many due to possible spam issues. Invites will be resent. Members of the Sweet family will be in attendance. It looks at this time attendance will be approximately 70. Bernie will be cooking burgers. There is an issue with insurance. The County will need to add the property owner as an additional insurer. A porta potty is also needed, and should be ADA approved. Steve Fry will install the plaque at the ceremony.
2. **Local History Week:** It has been very frustrating as many schools are declining to participate, or have not responded to our offer. Union Hill, Nevada City School of the Arts, and Clear Creek are onboard. A resolution will be presented by the Board of Supervisors that week.
3. **Logging:** Dave Comstock reported that the book will be published this year.
4. **Cemeteries:** Elinore had an appointment with Matt Melugin of the Nevada County Cemetery District. The Cemetery District ran out of funds, but is still interested in putting up a plaque in the Rough and Ready cemetery, and also the North San Juan Protestant cemetery, during the new fiscal year.

Elinor reported on the Civil War plots in Pine Grove Cemetery in Nevada City. Hooper and Weaver Mortuary was not receptive to providing help. Elinor talked to Dan Baldwin, who erected the current plaque on the site, which is vague, and lacking pertinent information. Dan Baldwin thinks the Sons of the Veterans of the Civil War may own the site. Elinor will continue to monitor Dan's investigations.

5. **Woolman School:** Amy Cooke is grateful for the Commission's review of the application, and reported they are working on a book of the school's history. Niel Locke moved that we recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Woolman School be marked as a historical landmark. Jerry Martini seconded. The motion was approved by vote. The application will be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.
6. **Birchville Plaque:** A mock up was sent to the fabricator. We are waiting on the graphic designers rendition.
7. **Lake Tahoe Railway:** The plaque is being fabricated now, and will be shipped to Mike Kochis, who will then deliver it to Barbara Czerwinski, in Truckee, for safekeeping, until at which time it can be mounted.
8. **Pioneer Plaque:** Nothing new to report.
9. **Truckee Roundhouse Plaque:** A request for pricing was sent to the fabricator. No reply has been received.
10. **Ellen Sargent Plaque:** We are looking for Nevada City's permission to mount the plaque in Calanan Park. Niel Locke will work with the city council. The status of our application on the nomination of Ellen Sargent to the Women's Hall of Fame has not been reported to us at this time.
11. **Sally Lewis Plaque:** The final design needs to be submitted. Mike Kochis will work with Niel Locke to finish this up.
12. **Mule Spring field trip:** Postponed until next spring.
13. **May Martin Goyne:** County Council may not let us recognize an individual, or duplicating a previously landmarked site, such as the Miners Foundry. The application was very well done, and approved by Elinor Barnes and Bruce Boyd. Such an issue will be forthcoming in placing the Ellen Sargent plaque in Calanan Park. Dave Comstock suggested seeking a private organization that will mark the site, rather than the Landmarks Commission. Barbara Czerwinski moved that we recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a plaque commemorating May Martin Goyne be registered as a historical landmark. Neil Locke seconded. The motion was approved by vote. Bernie Zimmerman will draft a transmittal letter to the Board of Supervisors.
14. **Truckee Freemasons plaque:** The application was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 10, 2019.

## 15. **Potential Historic Designations:**

- A. **Historic Schools:** Kentucky Flat School was previously discussed above. Nothing to report on Lime Kiln or Indian Springs schools.
- B. **Truckee Veterans Memorial Building and Rocking Stone Tower:** There is a question regarding the time frame of the Quonset hut construction.
- C. **The McGlashan Butterfly Collection:** Still needs three signatures. McGlashan family gave their approval to the project.
- D. **Cherokee:** Bruce Boyd recommended the townsite of Cherokee be recognized as a historical landmark, as we did with Birchville. Bruce agreed to pursue the potential landmarking of this site.
- E. **Truckee Historical Sites:** Barbara Czerwinski circulated a list of Truckee historical sites worthy of landmarking status or recognition. See the attached document.

## **New Business:**

1. **New book distribution:** Dave Comstock reported the Historical Society is in possession of his library, due to his move to Santa Rosa, and fire to his property. Dave wants to take back the responsibility of distribution of the books, rather than dealing with the Nevada County Historical Society. The Commission's role would be to entice the public to purchase the books. We will inform him of outlets that need restocking, and he will take care of it. We will continue to sell our current supply of books at \$15. Pamela Biery suggested we work with the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce to help publicize the book. Bernie Zimmerman reported the Chamber has not been receptive to our needs. They do not sell our book, and reasons why need to be determined.

The new book will have an initial printing of 250 copies, with a yet undetermined sale price, due to the projected size. A new sales price of \$20 was projected. A discussion was held to submit all the new plaques and updates to Dave now, so that the new book will be available for Christmas sales, which was agreed by all. Bernie will send the updates to Dave soon. The current book cover will be used again on the new edition.

2. **Purdon Crossing bridge:** Jessica Hankins, of Nevada County Public Works, reported on the Purdon bridge project. A rehab project was done about five years ago, but the bridge wooden roadbed has been recently damaged by a heavy truck. The boards will be replaced in its current design. Bruce Boyd will work with Public Works to assure this is happening

**Good of the Order:**

1. Elinor reported on the Mills Act, which is a tax incentive program that allows for tax reduction for preserving and/or restoring qualified historic buildings. This applies to private and commercial properties, not government properties.
2. Barbara Czerwinski circulated a photo of the Donner Party plaque which has numerous errors. No action will be taken by the Commission on corrections.
3. Charlie Jakobs suggested selling our books at the Roamin' Angels car show, as the event gets a large turnout.

**Public Comments:** None

**Next Meeting:** October 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

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

**Refreshment responsibility:** Niel Locke

**Meeting adjourned at:** 11:55 a.m.

**Minutes approved:** October 18, 2019

**Respectfully submitted:** Mike Kochis, Secretary/Treasurer

## **Truckee Historical Sites worthy of Landmarking Status/Recognition**

September 20, 2019

Collected by Barbara Shelden Czerwinski, PhD

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commissioner, District V

Boca Bridge (old railroad bridge, now for pedestrians over Truckee River), I-80 Exit 194, Hirschdale

Boca Law Library (ghost town site of CPRR Town of Boca), I-80 Exit 194, Hirschdale

Clair Tappaan Lodge (Sierra Club) DPR, Norden

Donner Memorial State Park placement of one plaque, DPR

Nevada County's first historical landmark (plaque ready for placement but still in CZ's garage)

Donner Trail Elementary School Playground Plaque, DPR, plaque MIA since 2018/2019 construction.

McGlashan Butterfly Collection, TDRPD Community Center, Truckee Way.

(NCHLC application pending three party signatures.)

McGlashan Retaining Wall, 10214 High Street

Sassarini Rock, West River Street (near UPRR Supervisor House)

Sierra Senior Services-Harold T. ("Bizz") Johnson Plaque base of the flagpole, Estates Drive

Tahoe Forest Hospital, Joseph Plaque, Pine Street

Truckee Cemetery District, 10370 Jibboom Street, NCHLC application under development

Truckee Elementary School Plaque (in playground), DPR, missing from 2018/2019 construction

Truckee Freemasons Sesquicentennial-celebrating 150 years, Nevada County BOS 09-10-19

approved Nevada County Landmark #xx-19, plaque dictation scheduled for October 2019.

Truckee Lumber Company (Cross Family), DPR

Truckee Railroad Station placement of three plaques, DPR

Theodore Judah

Transcontinental Railroad

Lake Tahoe Railway and Transportation Co.

Truckee River Railroad Platform (Metal and light from San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge 1936, and roof from Sugar Bowl cabin), Truckee River Regional Park, Brockway Road.

Truckee Roundhouse Plaque Replacement, Truckee Way or DPR (old Beacon Lot), awaiting plaque fabrication cost, and Town of Truckee approval for NCHLC numbering.

Truckee Veterans Memorial Building and Rocking Stone Tower, 10214 High Street, awaiting OHP Sacramento review for NPS 10-900 application.

Wergeland House (aka Cottage Hotel), DPR, owner and consultant completing NCHLC Application.

Cataloging needed of plaques located at **Downtown Truckee, Donner Lake-West End Beach Park, and Truckee River Regional Park**

Plaques to be found or replaced:

**Capital Building**, DPR

**Sierra Sun Newspaper**, 10775 Pioneer Trail, #101

Suggested sites from TDHS members:

**Dick Joseph Gateway Motel Cabins, DPR**

**Sassarini Rock Downtown (rock art advertisement)**, by UPRR Supervisor House, East River Street

Hilltop/Cottonwood Restaurant area:

**Poma Lift**

**Steam donkey (mechanical device) for rope tow (first in the country)**

Should be incorporated into NCHLC 2020 book:

**Jax on the Tracks** plaque, 10144 W. River Street (need owner's permission)

DPR = Donner Pass Road

MIA = Missing in action

NCHLC = Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

NPS =National Park Service

OHP = California Office of Historic Preservation

TDHS = Truckee-Donner Historical Society

TDRPD = Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District

UPRR= Union Pacific Railroad