

ADA COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL

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The purpose of the Ada County Historic Preservation Council is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public of Ada County through the identification, evaluation, designation, and protection of those buildings, sites, areas, structures, and objects which reflect significant elements of the county's, the state's and the nation's historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural heritage.

AGENDA FOR TUESDAY MARCH 3, 12:00 P.M.

ADA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 200 W. FRONT STREET
2ND FLOOR, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM, BOISE, ID 83702

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members				Staff & Others			
X	Ted Vanegas	X	Michael Oths		Sarah Schafer	X	Brent Danielson, Staff
	Kathryn Almberg	X	Dave Davies	X	Frank Eld	X	Brianna Bustos, Staff
X	Paul Frise	X	Angela Hansen	X	Forrest Hunter	X	Mike Edwards, Ada County Parks Dept.
	Robert Martinez						

III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February Minutes – There was discussion to amend the minutes for item #1. Frank made the suggestion to add that we discussed and made a motion to add a demolition ordinance. Mike moved approval and Forrest seconded.

V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2019 CLG Grant Project Update – Brent

Brent reported that Steven's Historical Research has obtained their secondary sources on Kuna History and they have sketched out how they are going to do the field work. They are planning on going out in the field this month.

Dave asked when the survey needs to be completed.

Brent responded May.

- B. Operational Plan for 2020 – Council

Brent mentioned at last month's meeting that we discussed how the operational plan came to be and how it provides an excellent overview of what we are trying to accomplish. He also noted that the Historical Sites and Searchable Database is up and running on the website. Brent mentioned in his draft that he has deleted this item since it has been completed.

Brent asked if there are any other changes that needed to be made or added to the operation plan. Frank stated that we need to add demolition ordinance to the plan.

Brent will make that change and send out the 2020 Operational Plan for review for it to be approved at April's meeting.

C. Making History Award – Council

Brianna stated that request for nominations has been posted to NextDoor and other social media platforms. Brent also mentioned that he had sent out a request to the other historical groups asking for nominations. Dave suggested that it might be more effective if we contacted the historic groups individually asking if there is anyone in their organization worthy of the award. Brent will go ahead and contact the historic groups individually.

Frank asked if there is a list of past award recipients. Brent will send out a list of the past recipients.

D. Ada County Parks Department Update on Oregon Trail Recreation Area – Mike Edwards

Mike gave an overview of what he has been doing the last few months at the Oregon Trail Recreation Area. New signs have been installed at the entrance way along with columnar rocks behind the sign. New sections of the Oregon Trail were discovered on Ada County property. He would like to work with the National Park Service to put in a parking lot on BLM land off E. Columbia Road. They would also like to improve a couple of trails with new gravel to create an all-weather trail surface so a couple of the trails could be used in the winter. Mike presented a video of the newly discovered section of Oregon Trail that he walked on with Jerry Eichorst.

E. Demolition Ordinance – Council

Brent replied that he had talked with the Planning & Zoning Administrator and the Planning & Zoning Administrator appears to be supportive of having provisions in the ordinance to prevent the demolition of historic structures without first allowing a historic group to document the structure before it is demolished. This month the Development Services Department is kicking off a zoning ordinance rewrite. It was also mentioned that the City of Boise is doing an ordinance rewrite as well. Ted said that the ordinance rewrite is currently on hold as the City is tackling more pressing priorities at the moment. Frank responded that he is working with Preservation Idaho about finding other ordinances from other areas of the country that could help the City as well as the County. Frank also mentioned that Preservation Idaho is talking with Canyon County as well since they are feeling the same pressures as Ada County.

F. 2020 Community Enhancement Grant – Council

Brent stated that he followed up on a few things from last month's discussion on the upcoming 2020 Community Enhancement Grant. Brent mentioned that he was able to follow up with Mike Edwards regarding costs for potential signs at the Oregon Trail Recreation Area. In addition, to the cost of the signs we would also need to consider design costs. The design work could be around \$80 an hour and would probably take 4 to 8 hours.

Brent mentioned that the minimum grant amount is \$500 and the maximum is \$2,500. The grant must match either cash or in-kind. Forrest had a clarifying question of what constituted an in-kind match. There were also questions regarding when the grant application was due. Brent responded that last year's grant applications were due in August. However, he warned that we do need a long lead time as we would need to get the Board's permission before we could apply for the grant.

There was also discussion regarding other possible projects such a kiosk sign for the barn at the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead in Hidden Springs and if it was one or the other for signs at the Oregon Trail Recreation Area or the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead. Dave suggested that we could do both with our grant application.

It was decided for this item to be further discussed at the April meeting.

G. Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month – Council

Brent stated that the Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month is coming up in May. Do we want to plan for possible activities or events for the month?

Dave asked about the County Open House. Brent replied that the County stopped doing the open house a couple of years ago in favor of an on-line social media open house.

Frank asked if we have coordinated with SHPO in the past for Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. Last year SHPO didn't really have any events as they were busy with the opening of the Idaho State Museum. In the past we have notified them of events that we have done for the month such as the Ada County Chronicles presentation that Dave gave a couple of years ago.

Brent mentioned that Ada County has a "Lunch and Learn" series for Ada County employees in the 1st floor Public Hearing Room during the lunch hour. There is the possibility that the HPC could give a presentation to employees during their lunch hour in May.

Frank mentioned that he has given lectures on a variety of preservation activities such as restoration work in Roseberry, the Jones House, and barns. Brent replied that he went to one of Frank's lectures in Hidden Springs hosted by the Dry Creek Historical Society and that it was a great presentation.

Ted mentioned that the City of Boise was having an open house at the Senior Center on May 7th. The open house is to discuss historic districts and structures.

It was decided to further discuss this item at next month's meeting.

H. Newspaper Article – Council

Brent stated that we typically try to have a couple of articles written throughout the year regarding an historic site or structure. It was mentioned that the last article written was probably Mike's article on the Oregon Trail obelisks on Boise Avenue.

Dave mentioned that the articles typically work well if they are tied to an individual like the Making History Award or a structure like the County Treasures Award. Once we decide on a Making History Award Winner we could write an article on that individual or group.

I. Outreach to other Historic Groups within Ada County – Council

J. Future Agenda Items – Council

For upcoming events Mike mentioned that there is a traveling exhibit to recognize the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage that will be at the University of Idaho Law School Boise Campus (Old Ada County Courthouse) from April 3rd to April xx.

Dave also mentioned that the AIA Central Idaho Section will be hosting an event "Making Boise More Livable" on April 6th at the Egyptian Theatre. The event will feature two (2) short feature films and the American Institute of Architects will lead a discussion with audience members following the films. The event is open and free to the public and Boise Mayor Lauren McLean will be at the event.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5, 2020	Fettucine Forum: Water, Silver & Activism: Idaho's Women's Suffrage Movement, 1894 - 1920 Boise City Hall	6:00 PM
March 9, 2020	"They Called Us Enemy" Book Club at the Idaho State Museum	7:00 PM -

		8:30 PM
March 12, 2020	“Bamboo and Barbed Wire” Film Screening Idaho State Museum, \$5	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
March 13 – 14, 2020	Paranormal Investigation – March 13, 2020 Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$45	8:00 PM – 2:00 AM
March 14, 2020	Family Second Saturday: Mine a Pot O’ Gold Idaho State Museum, Free with Museum Admission	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
March 21, 2020	Cemetery Tours Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$15	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
March 25, 2020	Women’s Suffrage at 100: Standing Together Exhibit Open House Boise City Hall	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
March 27, 2020	Cemetery Tours Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$15	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 7, 2020