

# 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.*

## MINUTES FOR TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, 12:00 P.M.

### VIRTUAL MEETING

The meeting will be conducted via WebEx Video Conference. If you would like to participate by phone or video, please contact Brent Danielson. He can be reached at [bdanielson@adacounty.id.gov](mailto:bdanielson@adacounty.id.gov) or (208) 287-7913.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members				Staff & Others			
X	Ted Vanegas		Michael Oths	X	Sarah Schafer	X	Brent Danielson, Staff
X	Kathryn Almberg	X	Dave Davies	X	Frank Eld	X	Corrie Brending, Staff
	Paul Frise		Angela Hansen	X	Forrest Hunter		Mike Edwards, Ada County Parks Dept.
X	Robert Martinez					X	Alana Dunn, Eagle Historic Preservation Commission
						X	Cyndi Elliot, Dry Creek Historic Society
						X	Angie Steele, Preservation Idaho
						X	Cyndi Elliot, Dry Creek Historical Society
						X	Eric Robinson
						X	John Fend

### III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August Minutes – Minutes Approved

### V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Brent introduction of Corrie Brending who is a new Assistant Planner with Development Services.
- B. 2019 CLG Grant Project Update – Brent  
Received information yesterday.  
Dave read through the report and hopes it conforms to SHPO'S requirements.  
It identifies possible eligible structures.  
Frank – I read the report. The people who have these properties, are they informed of this information?  
Brent – This is the first survey that he has done where we have established if a property is eligible.  
Frank – I would like to see a letter go out and it should be carefully worded.

Brent – I could draft up a letter and have the Council review it. I think we want to highlight the information.

Dave – Is it possible to make this report available on the website so they can see their property in context so they can understand how they came to be eligible and how they compare to other properties.

Brent – Sure I can work with Brianna.

Ted – in summary Brent will draft a letter letting people know of the survey in a sensitive manner so as not to scare them and we will review it at the next meeting.

No formal action required to accept this report.

C. Making History Award Update – Brent

There is nothing new on this one from last month. The award winner is up in McCall until after Labor Day.

D. 2020 Community Enhancement Grant Update – Brent

Brent has not heard anything in regard to this grant. He has submitted this application. We will move on to the next item.

E. County Treasure Award Update – Brent

We place information on the department's social media site. The information was sent out a couple of days ago. There have been no nominations submitted yet.

F. Otto & Bessie Fry Homestead – Alana Dunn (Eagle Historic Preservation Commission)

Alana Dunn – One of the settler's homesteads is for sale. It is under Ada County jurisdiction.

Kathryn – The sign is down. It is either sold or the homeowner has taken it off the market.

Alana – It is a Sears kit house from 1918. It is one of Eagle's settlers' homes. I want to get in front of it before it sells. I am afraid a developer will buy it and demolish it. I am afraid housing will be put up.

Brent – I had a colleague field a phone call on the homestead property. A potential buyer for the property. I was able to get in on the meeting.

Kathryn – I was under the impression that the acreage was for sale and not the home itself.

Alana – They had several different signs up, one along the canal and one in front of the home.

Otto Fry's father, George was one of the original homesteaders and the house itself is also individually important.

Frank – I am wondering if you could get the information together and get it to Brent so he can get it out to us.

Alana – We emailed Phil Fry to get us as much information as he could. Below is the information from a 1914 Sears catalog but Otto's house was a bit larger but his house was the same exterior design. We do have some information that we can send to Brent so he can send to you.

Kathryn – My aunt is 90 and grew up right next to that homestead so I will reach out to her to see what information she has as well.

Dave – Is it the red house with the columns on it?

Alana – Yes.

Kathryn – Yes, it has been well maintained interior as well.

Alana, - We have some family history on George Fry as well. We will send that along with the information that Phil Fry sent along.

Brent – They were looking to do a one-time division from the property. They were wanting to split the house with 5 acres.

Alana – I don't think that lot can be split or developed. I was on the Eagle Development and it can't be developed that way. That area is a 5-acre minimum.

Ted – Is there any action we want to take?

Frank – Getting the information will help and keeping it on our radar.

Kathryn – The property closed two weeks ago, so it did sell.

Ted- Is the property eligible?

Alana – Yes, it is. That has not been pursued.

Brent – I will mention on my end that it is eligible when we meet with them on development plans.

Frank – Thanks for the report. It was really helpful.

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

The parks department has submitted a master plan application to place a toilet out there. They do have to go through the conditional use permit application.

H. BSU Work U Student – Brent

We have a BSU Work U student, Lucy, she is an English Major. She will complete the workbook to get it to a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade reading level. With any left over time she will try to place information into a young adults information as well. Ada county has had Work U students in the past to help with various projects. This should be able to get the workbook finished.

Dave – Do we have a definitive list as to what needs to be completed?

Brent – It is just the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade reading level.

I. 2021 CLG Grant Discussion – Council

At the last meeting Frank brought up doing something at the barn. If we go that route, I have a few questions about the project itself. What kind of work would be done? What would the cost be to do the work? I would need to know this information before we could move forward. The application is going to be due right around Christmas. We will need to have this information by November for us to apply for the grant.

Ted – I just assumed we were giving the money to Frank so he could do it.

Frank – I have been working the last couple of weeks on the post and beam structure with beams donated. This will help to stabilize the framework of the barn. This is possibly the oldest barn in Ada County if not in Idaho. It also needs a new shingle roof. These are the two items for the barn itself so we can keep it for 120 years.

Dave – Is this the barn we were talking about last year?

Frank – No. This is the one the Dry Creek administers.

Cyndi Elliot – Dry Creek Historic Society – the property is owned by Ada County. They are opened for people to come through on the weekends. The challenge is that they are looking at 150-year-old buildings, Sept 27, they are doing the grand opening of the granary, the BSU

construction management students rebuilt the building with similar wood and details. It was an exoskeleton building. When the grain was placed in the building it would keep it from falling apart. There is also a woodshed and others that they are going to be working on in the next few years, that are leaning. Frank is working on the barn right now. The barn was built with east coast construction ideas. Franks has done a lot of research and has a lot of information on the structure.

We are part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade curriculum. We get 400-600 kids each year. The newest project is with West Ada schools. They don't have the money for the bussing. They have someone who will be going to the schools and they will be going into the one room classroom.

Dave – Good work Frank. You make us all proud.

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

We have had a lot of outreach over the last year and a half and we had two great people participate today. This has been really helpful with the Council.

Kathryn – The Fry homestead was 41 acres including the house.

Brent – They will have to do a natural features analysis which will include it as a historic house and we will transmit to all agencies which will include the City of Eagle and the Eagle Historic Society.

Kathryn – Linder Road is planned to be seven lanes. It is seven lanes across Eagle Island. It is at least 5 lanes across the front of that property. I am sure it is not for a lot of years. Now is the time to secure assets like that to make sure we don't lose them.

Frank-That is a good point. I am glad you brought that up.

Alana – That is really, really good information to know.

K. Future Agenda Items – Council

An update on the farmstead in Eagle

Dave – Would it be of value to bring in ACHD to discuss the master plan?

Kathryn – It is never too early to start planning? There is still one barn left but the remainder of my family's farmstead has been torn down. Those old places don't have setbacks for those big wide roads.

Brent – If they develop that property, they will need to do it through Ada County. This Council will have an opportunity to comment.

Ted – Is there anything we can do regarding demolition?

Brent – Unfortunately, there isn't a lot we could do regarding demolition. We do require a demolition permit, so we could take the opportunity to discuss it with them. I can make the Building Official and the Permitting Manager aware of this instance.

**VI. UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 5, 2020	Walk About Boise Tour Bench in front of Basque Museum, Grove Street, \$12	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
September 12, 2020	Walk About Boise Tour Bench in front of Basque Museum, Grove Street, \$12	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
September 10, 2020	13 Stories Film Competition Old Idaho Penitentiary, (Ticket Required)	7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

September 12, 2020	Walk About Boise Tour Bench in front of the Basque Museum, Grove Street, \$12	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
September 19, 2020	Walk About Boise Tour Bench in front of Basque Museum, Grove Street, \$12	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
September 26, 2020	Walk About Boise Tour Bench in front of Basque Museum, Grove Street, \$12	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: October 6, 2020