

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 DECEMBER 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 or (208) 287-7913.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. November Minutes
Moved – Frank Eld
Seconded – Dave Davies
Approved

V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Making History Award Update – Brent

The award is scheduled to be presented on December 2, 2020 at 3:30 in front of the Cyrus Jacobs House. There will be several from the commission who will be present for the award. The presentation on the Basque Block will be nice since she was instrumental in saving several of the structures. The Board will say a few things and we will have the plaque to present to her. Because we are not having this in a public hearing format this will be a lot less formal. It would be nice if someone from this board would like to say something. There may be someone from the Basque Center who would like to say something. Angie from Preservation Idaho stated she would like to be there as well. There will be a number of people from the public who will be there as well to acknowledge all of the work that she has done.

Mike Oths left the meeting.

- B. CLG Grant Update – Brent

We received permission from the board to apply for the grant. Brent is drafting the grant and will have Legal review and hopefully have this finalized by end of next week for the Commissioner's to sign.

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

Ted – Are there any updates on this you would like to provide on Mike’s behalf?

Brent – No, I don’t have anything.

D. County Treasure Award Discussion – Council

Nathan Smith House –

Saylor Brown homestead – 7080 W. McMillan Road

Joseph Chitwood House owned by Carolyn and Fred Fritchman – 1321 Denver Street

The Twin Sisters Octagonal houses 9933 Victory Road

Pierce – Parani Farmstead 9000 W State Street

Dry Creek Society nominated the Schick-Ostolasa Barn

At our last meeting we discussed some nomination that came in. We had discussed that we would like some additional information on the properties. Angie did provide us some additional information for the octagonal houses. The two sister’s who had the property on Victory were part of the Stagecoach Inn. We did discuss that everyone might choose their top three.

Kathryn – Is there a list somewhere?

Brent- There is. Let me bring that up for you.

Forrest – Do we have a deadline for this Brent?

Brent – There is no deadline for this.

Forrest – I drove by the one on Broadway. It is pretty cool but it is all by itself.

Kathryn – Where is it at?

Forrest – It is about two-thirds of the way down the road towards the airport on the right side.

Dave – Is there any way that we could stop the demolition on the houses on Victory?

Brent – No, I think the Planning and Zoning Commission has already taken action.

Frank – The house on State Street is already slated for demolition?

Kathryn – Yes.

Forrest – I made a mistake, the one that I mentioned on Broadway was not the one that is listed here.

Frank – I think we can narrow them down. If they are already slated for demolition.

Dave – I know that in the past we have tended to select ones that are outside of the City of Boise but in Ada County.

Brent – Typically if it is in a city it has a connect to the county as a whole.

Ted – Brent, how would you go about narrowing this down?

Brent – Are you thinking about eliminating the structures that are going to be torn down?

Forrest – I think if that is the case, I would go along with Frank, if the house on State Street is going to be so modified that it is no longer significantly historical, it should be eliminated, also.

Frank – I think all of the other buildings except for the silo, has been torn down.

Brent – We typically also want the landowner to be willing to have the property as a county treasure as well.

Ted – Does the Council want to eliminate the buildings that are going to be demolished?

Forrest – Is that 4 and 5 on Angie’s list?

Kathryn – Is that 1, 4 and 5?

Brent – I think so.

Forrest – I think that would be nice. That gives us the barn...

Angie – The twin sister and the one on State Street.

Kathryn – I was going by the Ada County is going to lose another house to ...

Angie – Nathan Smith house does look like it is due for demolition.

Ted – It looks like we have narrowed it to three, how do you want to vote on this.

Frank – It would limit this to the Brown homestead and the barn.

Kathryn – Well, the Brown homestead is right by Centennial. I am not suggesting that it be thrown out, I just don’t know much about it. Is there a way we can get more information about it?

Angie – I did have a link that was provided to us by TAG. I had a link that went to the Federal Park System page because I think it is registered.

Kathryn – You had the link on the Smith house but not on this one.

Angie – I can put out a call to see if anyone has a photograph of it.

Dave – I just pulled this image up off of Google.

Kathryn – This is a really cool property.

Forrest – Are we sure that is in the City limits?

Kathryn- It is way out there on the edge.

Dave – Star Road and McMillan

Kathryn – The map that was in Angie’s email was on property right by Centennial High School.

Dave – I think I have the right property.

Kathryn – 7080 W. McMillan Road in the link – takes us to a Boise address. The other address is in Meridian.

Angie – The one is farmer Brown’s property.

Brent – Dave has the right property.

Kathryn – That property isn’t incorporated.

Brent – That isn’t in City limits.

Forrest – Currently it is not in Meridian or Boise. So it meets our criteria at the moment.

Dave – Do we want to look at any other properties?

Kathryn – The one thing that I would worry about is if we recognize the Saylor Brown homestead is that it is in an area that I being developed and I don’t know if we would be able to save that house.

Dave – I like Brent’s suggestion that we go with one for this year and one for next year. I will make that a motion.

Forrest – I will second that.

Dave – They are both in the County, they are both significant, and they are both in tact.

Robert – I like the idea.

Ted – Is there an order you have in mind Dave?

Dave – Not in particular.

Frank – I suggest that we make the barn 2021. I think this will be a boost to the association. We are going to be faced with a major fundraising effort for the roof. The recognition would be greatly appreciated and helpful.

Ted – Frank sold me. Should we amend the motion.

Dave – Let’s have the farmstead on McMillan in 2020 and the barn in 2021.

Forrest – Second.

Motion passes.

Frank – I would like to take a minute to share something with you about the barn. The posts and beams were larger than needed. I also found a broad axe. Since then I have been trying to complete the connection with the board axe. Schick is from New England. I have never found one in the west. I found that the company in Auburn New Hampshire. The axe has always been in the barn. For 150 years, the axe has always been in the barn.

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Mike Oths rejoined the meeting.

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

Looks like Angie is the only one with other historic groups in attendance today. We provide them with minutes and send out agendas. The relationship we have established with those groups has been really good.

F. Future Agenda Items – Council

The next meet we will need to elect new officers. You can only serve two terms in office.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

TBD	Making History Award Presentation	TBD
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VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: January 4, 2021