

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 JANUARY 2, 2024, 12:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON MEETING

The meeting will be conducted both in person and 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.
Ada County Courthouse 2nd floor, Development Services Conference Room, 200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members				Staff & Others			
X	Rob Fraser		Bob Reinhardt	X	Carolina Valderrama Echavarria	X	Brent Danielson, Staff
X	Frank Eld		Joseph Gallagher	X	Jay Karamales	X	Michaela Owens, Staff
X	Angie Steele	X	Larry Sundell			X	Cyndi Elliot, Dry Creek Historical Society
						X	Cassandra Schiffler, Meridian Historic Commission
						X	Marsi Woody, Daughters of American Revolution, Pioneer Chapter

III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December Minutes

The minutes were approved. Frank motioned to approve the minutes and Carolina seconded the motion.

V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Election of Officers – Council

Brent stated that there are three (3) offices up for election (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary). The by-laws for the Council state that no member shall serve in any elected position for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Rob and Bob have only served one (1) term in their respective offices; therefore, they are eligible to remain in their current positions for another year.

Nominations were made for each of the offices.

Angie nominated Rob for Chair and the nomination was seconded by Larry.

Frank nominated Bob for Vice-Chair and the nomination was seconded by Jay.

Carolina stated that she would be willing to be secretary and the nomination was seconded by Rob.

The vote was taken, and Rob was elected Chair, Bob was elected Vice-Chair, and Carolina was elected Secretary.

B. CLG Grant Update – Brent

Brent reported that he heard back from SHPO's CLG Grant Coordinator Maria and the fiscal people in their office have released the MOA and it is waiting to be signed by their director.

C. Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures – Council

Brent stated he had received a letter from Todd Tucker addressing the items in the letter that was sent to Boise Hunter Homes in December and he passed out the letter at the meeting.

Jay mentioned that he and Angie have been working on some language for interpretive signage for the site. They should have a final draft in the next few weeks.

Larry asked how the ice house would have been used. Jay provided some insight of how they had stored goods at the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead.

Angie asked Rob in the construction world if the letter that was submitted by Boise Hunter Homes is standard practice. Rob replied that in addition to what was written you would typically have product submittals included.

Rob asked if we will respond to the letter. Frank stated before they proceed we need plans to be submitted before approval.

Angie mentioned that she wasn't sure if the façade easement included the lawn and sidewalk. She mentioned it would be nice if Boise Hunter Homes could provide pictures or a video of the site as this would help to compare current conditions of the buildings to the submitted repairs and renovations. Frank said he feels it is within our right to request the landscaping.

Rob stated in the response back to them we need to tell them that they need to provide product submittals before they start any construction.

Angie suggested to direct Boise Hunter Homes to SHPO for a proper window replacement.

Frank thinks the ice house needs to be examined by an Architectural Historian.

Rob said we need to give them direction on how to proceed. Jay replied that we want to see timelines in their response. Rob responded that we want them to address each item and Frank said we want it by the next meeting.

The Council directed Brent to draft a letter to include the items that have been discussed. Brent will send out draft for the Council to review.

D. Location for Farmstead Preservation – Council

Brent stated that Joe wanted to bring up the topic of having a location where farmsteads in Ada County could be preserved. Angie mentioned it was a good idea. Frank motioned to table this item to the February meeting and Rob seconded so Joe could provide some additional insight.

E. 2024 Operating Plan – Council

Brent provided a history of the operating plan. A former council member Paul Frise who had a background in management introduced the idea of an operating plan to the Council to identify short-term goals for the upcoming year. The operating plan has been in place for the past seven (7) to eight (8) years and each year it is updated.

Brent asked if there is anything that the Council wants added or removed from the 2024 Operating Plan.

Brent suggested that the Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures and the Spanish Village Presentation are items that could be included on this year's Operating Plan.

Angie mentioned that Spanish Village could be placed under Public Outreach Efforts.

The Council will review and provide input at the February meeting.

F. Follow-up Organizational and Strategic Vision for the Ada County Historic Preservation Council Discussion – Council

Brent highlighted what was discussed at the last meeting. At the last meeting the Council discussed the three (3) classifications for a property.

1. *Not Historic*
2. *Eligible*
3. *Listed to be Nominated.*

The main concern that some council members have is that some structures that should be eligible, but because of changes to the façade they would not make it on the list of the National Register of Historic Places. Frank replied that he had a long discussion with Bob regarding this topic.

Brent mentioned that at the last meeting that Bob was going to show the Council something at a future meeting.

The Council will continue to discuss this item at future meetings.

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

There were three (3) guests at the meeting associated with groups that have a tie to historic preservation.

Brent mentioned that this item allows our guests to share with the Council what their groups have been doing.

Angie asked Cassandra Schiffler with the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission about the WPA toilet on the Eggers Farmstead on Black Cat Road. Preservation Idaho had done some research on the Eggers Farmstead and discovered during the Great Depression that outhouses with cement foundations were constructed with one being constructed on the Eggers farmstead. Cassandra replied that she didn't see it when she was on the property.

Marsi Woody with the Daughters of the American Revolution (Pioneer Chapter) highlighted some of the work that her group is doing. At the Morris Hill Cemetery they are adding and replacing veteran's headstones. They have received a request from the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) for a project that they could work with and coordinate on for the Oregon Trail. Brent mentioned that he could check with Scott Koberg who is the Director of Ada County's Parks and Waterways Department to see if there would be any opportunities to do a project at the County's Oregon Trail Recreation Area. In addition, her group has been working on the Wilson Price Hunt marker at Julia Davis Park. The Wilson Price Hunt Expedition were the first European descendants to visit the Boise Valley.

Cyndi Elliot with the Dry Creek Historical Society highlighted the work and activities that the Dry Creek Historical Society is doing. They have 3rd graders come to the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead during the fall and spring. For those classes not able to make it to the farmstead Mrs. Schick goes out and visits them in their classrooms. They are developing a virtual classroom program and are piloting this program for schools in Canyon County. The opening day of the farmstead is May 4th. In the Schick Barn they are installing educational displays and hope to have those completed by May.

H. Future Agenda Items – Council

Dry Creek Structures

Location for Farmstead Preservation

2024 Operating Plan

Follow-up Organizational and Strategic Vision for the Ada County Historic Preservation Council Discussion.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11, 2024	Exhibiting Curiosity Behind the Scenes Tour <i>Explore the newest show at the Idaho State Museum ‘Exhibiting Curiosity’ and discover how artifacts become a part of the state’s collections.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$15 https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=17539	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
January 13, 2024	Family Second Saturday: Bears <i>Learn about bears in Idaho and their winter slumbers.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$10	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
January 25, 2024	On Grizzly Ground: Film Screening and Book Signing <i>Special screening of Kris Millgate’s newest documentary “On Grizzly Ground”.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$5 https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=17544	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
January 27, 2024	Hands-On History Workshop: Photos and Documents <i>Join the Idaho State Historical Society’s collections team to explore how they keep historic materials safe. Learn the do’s and don’ts of historic document preservation.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$50 https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=17549	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
February 1, 2024	Fettucine Forum: Connected Along the Edges: How Boise’s Environmental History Nurtured Community <i>Hear from Dr. Karl Brooks as he explores how the City’s environmental history has presented unique challenges, nurtured unusual alliances, and stimulated innovative projects.</i> Trailhead, 500 S. 8 th Street, Boise, Free https://cityofboise.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bnOI0NFjSiOhNJMIo2knHw#/registration	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT 1:02 P.M.

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: February 6, 2024