ADA COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL

200 W. Front Street Boise, Idaho 83702 P. (208) 287-7900 F. (208) 287-7909 Rob Fraser, Chair Kathryn Almberg Joseph Gallagher Bob Reinhardt, Vice-Chair John Bertram Jay Karamales , Secretary Frank Eld Angie Steele



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 MARCH 7, 2023, 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. Ada County Courthouse 2nd floor, Development Services Conference Room, 200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

I. CALL TO ORDER 12:02 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ме	Members					Staff & Others	
X	Rob Fraser	Х	Bob Reinhardt			Χ	Brent Danielson, Staff
X	Kathryn Almberg	Χ	John Bertram	Χ	Frank Eld		
	Joseph Gallagher	Χ	Jay Karamales	Χ	Angie Steele		

III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February Minutes

The minutes were approved. John motioned to approve the minutes and Jay seconded the motion.

V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2023 Operating Plan Adoption – Council

Brent stated that he had incorporated the changes that Bob and Frank wanted to be made to the plan at the last meeting and that the Operating Plan is ready for the Council to vote and adopt.

The Operating Plan was approved. Frank motioned to approve the plan and John seconded the motion.

B. Eggers Barn Update - Council

Brent reported that Blaine Johnston with the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission provide us with an update on the Eggers Barn. His letter brings some good news on the preservation of the structures. The property owner has expressed interest in retaining and repurposing the structures.

Frank mentioned that he had talked with his neighbor who works for the developer. The neighbor told him that the cost to move the granary is coming in higher than expected. The developer is becoming hesitant to retain it due to cost factors.

Rob asked if the developers were getting bids.

Frank stated that he looked at the buildings again.

Angie asked if it would be out of line in getting a grant to save the structures.

Frank replied that there may be problem in moving and retaining them on site.

Jay wondered if there might be some source to give them funds to move and retain the structures on site or some sort of fundraising that they could do. He also asked if the HPC's role is just to observe.

Frank responded that we need to work with the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission on this.

Rob made the suggestion to invite them to the next meeting. He also wondered about the ability to move the structure to another site.

John asked do they have to move it. Could they revise their site plan.

Frank said that his neighbor told him that it was not feasible. He likes Rob's suggestion of inviting the Meridian Historic Preservation Council to the next meeting.

Angie further added that we could do an exploratory meeting with them to highlight our interest in the project and see if there is any information that they could share with us.

C. Making History Award – Brent

Brent stated that he is planning on having Brianna put out a call for nominations for the Making History Award and wanted to see if the HPC had any feedback on this matter.

Frank and Kathryn both stated they were favor in getting this call for nomination out to the public.

D. County Treasures Award - Brent

Brent mentioned just like the Making History Award he is planning on having Brianna put out a call for nominations for the County Treasures Award and wanted to see if the HPC had any feedback on this matter.

Jay said the call for nominations on both awards will work.

E. Idaho Archaeology & Historic Preservation Month – Council

Brent stated that this year's Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month is in May and the theme is Migration with a focus on mid-twentieth migration and influx within Idaho.

Brent asked the HPC if they had any ideas for an activity or social media post related to the theme and Ada County.

Jay replied that he had taken a tour of some mid-century homes on the Bench and that we might be able to spotlight some of the mid-century homes.

Brent mentioned that the HPC has the Ada County Chronicles PowerPoint Presentation that has midcentury history of Ada County such as the construction of Interstate 84 through Ada County.

Frank said that we could spotlight and highlight a house that has been well preserved and inform how highway development could impact existing homes.

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

This item was tabled to the April meeting as Bob was having technical difficulty in bringing up the flow chart he created.

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

Angie informed the HPC that Preservation Idaho is looking into interior alterations that were made to the Masonic Temple at $215 \, \text{N}$. 10^{th} Street in Boise. This structure is a Boise landmark. The ownership recently changed hands and the new owner opened it up to the public to salvage the interior.

Kathryn replied that is horrible.

Brent asked if the property was in a historic district.

Angie replied yes and that the owner was supposed to contact the City if they make any alterations.

Rob asked if they pulled a demo permit.

Angie is not sure.

John said that he had the chance to go through the building. He thinks the new owner had done it on his own. This action is eligible for Preservation Idaho's onion award.

Frank asked how they can do it without a permit and what checks and balances the City has in place.

Angie mentioned that the structure is not on the National Register of Historic Places.

Jay gave the HPC an update of what the Dry Creek Historical Society is up to. They continue to work on the horse barn under Frank's tutelage along with the granary. The Dry Creek Historical Society is thinking of doing an archaeological survey where the blacksmith shop is located.

H. Farewell to John – Council

Brent reported that this John's last HPC meeting and asked if anyone had anything to say about John.

Brent started out by saying he appreciated John's ability to identify history events and use it as outreach to the public. During his interview to join the HPC John mentioned that the 125th Anniversary of the Western Idaho Fair was coming up. This was the impetus to construct the kiosk to commemorate the anniversary of the fair.

John replied that he is not getting any younger and wants to use his retirement years to focus on his art. He has thoroughly enjoyed his involvement in preservation and received great fulfillment from it. He is still supportive of preservation, but on a limited basis.

Frank thanked John for being a preservationist and all the great work he has done.

Jay wished him all the best.

Angie said he is a lion with his vast knowledge of preservation. We will miss you.

Katherine stated that she enjoyed getting to know him on the archwalks.

Rob summed it up by saying everyone will miss him on the HPC.

I. Future Agenda Items – Council

Review of the Flowchart that Bob has prepared.

Inviting the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission to the meeting to further discuss the Eggers Barn.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

March,	Guided Tour of the Erma Hayman House	1:00
2023	Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday	PM –
		1:30
		PM

March 2,	Weaving into History with Leanne Campbell	5:00
2023	Presentation on basket weaving	PM –
	Idaho State Museum, \$5	7:00
	https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12426	PM
March 2,	Fettucine Forum: Traditional Chinese Medicine in Idaho and the American	6:00
2023	West: A History of Herbs and Roots featuring Tamara Venit-Shelton	PM
	Boise City Hall – In person & virtual	
	https://cityofboise.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nE55dYMkS9-	
	elc7Fv7 NSQ	
March 3,	The Cartee Piano Chamber Concert with Boise Philharmonic	7:30
2023	Concert from a 1878 Cartee Weber Grand Piano	PM –
	Idaho State Museum, \$15	9:00
		PM
March 11,	Family Second Saturday: Idaho Innovators	12:00
2023	Learn about Idaho innovators of all species and build your own beaver dam	PM –
	for Family Second Saturday!	3:00
	Idaho State Museum, \$10	PM
	https://store.history.idaho.gov/Tickets.aspx	
March 17,	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	6:30
2023	The Bishop's House, \$50	PM –
	https://www.thebishopshouse.com/events.html	9:00
		PM
March 18 -	Cemetery Tours	12:00
26, 2023	Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$15	PM –
	https://store.history.idaho.gov/PerformanceCalendar.aspx	7:00
		PM
March 25 -	Paranormal Investigation	9:15
26, 2023	Join Big River Paranormal as they attempt to connect with prisoners and	PM –
	guards of the past.	2:00
	Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$40	AM
	https://store.history.idaho.gov/PerformanceCalendar.aspx	

VII. ADJOURNMENT 12:58 PM

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 4, 2023