

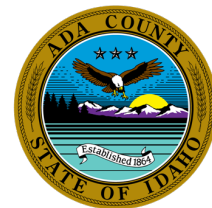
# ADA COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL

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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 MAY 2, 2023, 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](mailto:bdanielson@adacounty.id.gov) or (208) 287-7913.  
Ada County Courthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Development Services Conference Room, 200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

### I. CALL TO ORDER 12:00 P.M.

### II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members				Staff & Others		
X	Rob Fraser	X	Bob Reinhardt		X	Brent Danielson, Staff
	Frank Eld		Joseph Gallagher	X		Jay Karamales
X	Angie Steele	X	Larry Sundell	X		Carolina Valderrama Echavarria

### III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. April Minutes

*The minutes were approved. Bob motioned to approve the minutes and Larry seconded the motion.*

### V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. New Council Members Update – Brent

*Brent mentioned that he is waiting for the Board to schedule the interviews for the two (2) remaining openings.*

*An introduction was made of the newest member Carolina Valderrama Echavarria. She gave a brief introduction of herself and mentioned that she had served on Boise's Historic Preservation Commission.*

*The other HPC members briefly introduced themselves to Carolina.*

#### B. Making History Award – Brent

*Brent stated that there was just one (1) nomination received for the Making History Award and that Angie Steele has nominated John Bertram. Brent also mentioned that if the HPC votes to nominate John for the Making History Award then he will schedule a meeting in front of the Board of Ada County Commissioners to approve of the nomination.*

*Bob thanked Angie for the nomination and stated that John is a great choice for this award as he has been involved in many historic preservation projects over the years such as the Boise Train Depot.*

*Angie added that John was instrumental in preserving the Erma Hayman house.*

*Larry also added that John was instrumental in the development of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Marketplace.*

*Rob agreed that John is a great choice for the award.*

*Rob motioned to select John Bertram as this year's Making History Award nominee and Larry seconded the motion.*

*John Bertram was selected as this year's Making History Award nominee.*

C. County Treasures Award – Brent

*Brent stated that there has only been one (1) nomination for the County Treasures Award. Earlier in April the property owner Danny Beal had called Brent to talk about his historic property at 4130 W. Beacon Light Road. Brent had mentioned to him about the County Treasures Award program and Mr. Beal submitted a nomination for his property.*

*The property is listed on the Ada County Historic Sites Survey. It is a two-level house with a covered porch, colonial revival style, and barn. Mr. Beal told Brent that he recently spent \$18,000 renovating the barn.*

*A question was asked about what the County Treasures Award is. Brent replied that the County Treasures Award is an award to recognize historic structures in Ada County and the property owners who have kept the structures in good repair. He also gave a brief history of the County Treasures Award program.*

*Bob motioned to select 4130 W. Beacon Light Road as this year's County Treasure Award. Carolina seconded the motion.*

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

*Bob introduced this item to Carolina and Larry as "How the Council can be more proactively involved in potentially threatened historic structures." Also, we have been trying to determine the specific criteria to look at to determine if something is historic.*

*Bob mentioned at the last meeting that he had asked Frank, Angie, and Jay to come up with criteria to determine what makes something historic outside of the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places.*

*Angie responded that Frank contacted her; however, they didn't have time to get anything put together. She mentioned that Frank suggested making a list of criteria.*

*Carolina suggested using a Google Share Drive so everyone could collaborate.*

*Bob asked Brent to provide a draft letter that we send to responsible parties. Brent will develop the letter and seek feedback from the HPC.*

*The question was brought up if the letter is going to become more of a standard operating procedure.*

*Jay replied yes it would be a standard operating procedure.*

*Angie responded to incorporate into the Historic Preservation Plan as a stand alone document.*

*Carolina suggested including hyperlinks into the document.*

*Larry asked what is the incentive to get people to do the right thing.*

*Bob said we need to have carrots to encourage the preservation and inspire the property owner. Educate them on what they can do and why they should do it.*

*Angie mentioned one incentive is historic tax credits.*

*Bob added that we can provide the public with information on how someone can do preservation well and economically. In response to Larry's question – Is there more we can further incentive them?*

*Angie responded that Texas has a fully funded preservation program. Texas provides a plaque to historic properties. A plaque could be a positive incentive.*

*Brent asked if the next two (2) steps in the process is to 1) Determine what is historic? and 2) Develop incentives for people to do the right thing.*

E. Archaeological and Historical Surveys Prior to Allowing Development – Joe

*Joe was absent. Thus, this item is being tabled to the June meeting.*

F. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Brent

*Brent mentioned that the reason Danny Beal had called him about his property at 4130 W. Beacon Light Road is that he eventually wants to split the farmstead buildings from his acreage and have the homesite to be less than the minimum parcel size of 5.0 acres in his zoning district.*

*Brent stated that one of the powers of the HPC is to recommend ordinances to the County and provide information for the purposes of historic preservation in the County.*

*Brent added that Mr. Beal would like for the HPC to introduce an ordinance that would allow for property owners to go below the minimum parcel size if they have a historic structure on the property.*

*Brent asked the HPC their thoughts on a proposed ordinance. Maybe it could used as incentive to preserve historic structures.*

*Jay responded that he wants to maintain the minimum parcel size to protect the historical context of the site. He gave the example of the Jeker's Barn in Dry Creek Ranch of losing its context with homes close by it.*

*Carolina stated massing of the structure(s) is something to take into consideration.*

*Angie replied that she needs to think differently and to think about it. It could be a way to incentive preservation.*

*Bob asked if there could be some kind of buffer. He made the suggestion to research what other counties and jurisdictions have in place.*

*Brent said we can do some research without committing whether or not we would support an ordinance.*

*It was mentioned to keep track of what reservations the HPC has in Mr. Beal's proposal. Some ideas were developed.*

*Angie stated bigger buffers.*

*Bob suggested having a percentage criteria.*

*Jay replied develop a multi-tier incentive system.*

*Angie responded with deed restrictions.*

*Jay said we should compile ideas and see what we can do.*

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

*Brent gave some background to Carolina and Larry on this item. This is an opportunity for any visitors from other historic groups visiting us to share what their organization*

is up to. Brent also mentioned that he sends out a meeting agenda and minutes to these groups to keep them informed of the HPC's activities.

Jay gave the HPC an update on the Dry Creek Historical Society. They just had their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual tea party. Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse Tours start this Saturday. There will be a dedication of a bench to Jim Grossman and Robert Ostolasa will give a talk about the newly renovated Woodshed.

H. Future Agenda Items – Council

*It was suggested to invite a few of the historical groups to the meetings.*

*Jay mentioned that we could invite the Horseshoe Bend Historical Society to the next meeting. He knows a few of the members and they are a new group who just formed.*

*Carolina mentioned that we could be a mentor to these other groups. She also suggested that we reach out to neighborhood groups.*

*Rob replied that there is a Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program. This is a program that funds bridge repair. Some of the bridges include historic bridges.*

*Jay mentioned maybe we could invite someone to do a presentation on Aviation Sites, such as the old navigation arrows.*

*Brent responded that Glen Smallwood a retired Surveying Technician with the County had given a presentation to the HPC about seven (7) years ago on the air mail routes in Idaho and he had pictures of the navigation arrows. Brent can reach out to Glen to see if he would be interested in doing a presentation in front of the HPC.*

*Larry suggested for everyone to write down what is personally important to them historically and share that at a meeting. For Larry he would like to see the Oregon Trail more up front and center.*

**VI. UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 2, 2023	Preservation Idaho - ArchWalk <i>Behind the scenes look at the Meridian Speedway, built in 1952.</i> Meridian Speedway, \$12 <a href="https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11257457?performanceId=11257457">https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11257457?performanceId=11257457</a>	6:30 PM
May 6, 2023	Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse Tour 5006 W. Farm Court, Hidden Springs	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
May 7, 2023	SquawkyFest <i>Squawky was an alcohol that the incarcerated 'brewed' at the penitentiary. Breweries will concoct their own version of 'squawky'.</i> Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$20 <a href="https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12494">https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12494</a>	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
May 11, 2023	Book Signing with John Mancini <i>John will share his personal journey that shaped his view on why records and governance matter.</i> Idaho State Archives, Free	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
May 11, 2023	Art of Deco Walking Tour <i>Tour of Art Deco landmarks in downtown Boise.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$10 <a href="https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12487">https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12487</a>	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
May 13, 2023	Family Second Saturday: History Detectives <i>Become a history detective and investigate artifacts to learn more about the past. Clues throughout the museum will help detectives piece together the facts, decode secret messages, and learn more about Idaho's stories.</i>	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

	Idaho State Museum, \$10 <a href="https://store.history.idaho.gov/Tickets.aspx">https://store.history.idaho.gov/Tickets.aspx</a>	
May 13, 2023	Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse Tour 5006 W. Farm Court, Hidden Springs	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
May 18, 2023	Art of Deco Walking Tour <i>Tour of Art Deco landmarks in downtown Boise.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$10 <a href="https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12488">https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12488</a>	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
May 20, 2023	WalkAbout Boise <i>1.5 hour professionally guided walking tour of downtown Boise.</i> Bench in Front of Basque Museum on Grove Street, \$15 <a href="https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11251084?performanceId=11251084">https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11251084? performanceId=11251084</a>	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
May 20, 2023	Art of Deco Walking Tour <i>Tour of Art Deco landmarks in downtown Boise.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$10 <a href="https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12491">https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12491</a>	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
May 20, 2023	Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse Tour 5006 W. Farm Court, Hidden Springs	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
May 21, 2023	Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead – Front Porch Concert 5006 W. Farm Court, Hidden Springs	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May 25, 2023	Art of Deco Walking Tour <i>Tour of Art Deco landmarks in downtown Boise.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$10 <a href="https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12490">https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=12490</a>	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
May 26, 2023	Preservation Idaho – ArchWalk <i>Behind the scenes look at the Meridian Speedway, built in 1952.</i> Meridian Speedway, \$12 <a href="https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11257458?performanceId=11257458">https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11257458? performanceId=11257458</a>	12:00 PM
May 26, 2023	Preservation Idaho – ArchWalk <i>Behind the scenes look at the Meridian Speedway, built in 1952.</i> Meridian Speedway, \$12 <a href="https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11257459?performanceId=11257459">https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11257459? performanceId=11257459</a>	6:30 PM
May 27, 2023	WalkAbout Boise <i>1.5 hour professionally guided walking tour of downtown Boise.</i> Bench in Front of Basque Museum on Grove Street, \$15 <a href="https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11251085?performanceId=11251085">https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11251085? performanceId=11251085</a>	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
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**VII. ADJOURNMENT 1:01 PM**

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: June 6, 2023