

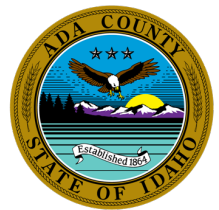
ADA COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL

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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 AUGUST 1, 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 or (208) 287-7913.
Ada County Courthouse 2nd floor, Development Services Conference Room, 200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

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

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members					Staff & Others	
X	Rob Fraser		Bob Reinhardt		X	Brent Danielson, Staff
	Frank Eld	X	Joseph Gallagher	X	X	Natalie Camacho Mendoza
X	Angie Steele	X	Larry Sundell	X	X	Glen Smallwood
					X	Cyndi Elliot, Dry Creek Historical Society

III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June Minutes

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

V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CLG Grant Update – Brent

Brent informed the Council that the Memorandum of Agreement has been received from SHPO. The MOA is under review and is awaiting the Board of County Commissioners signature.

Larry asked about the monetary value of the award. Brent responded that the grant award is \$20,000 with \$10,000 coming from SHPO and \$5,000 cash coming from the County and \$5,000 worth of in-kind volunteer time.

B. Making History Award Update – Brent

Brent stated that the Board approved the Council's nomination of John Bertram for the Making History Award. Brent will be meeting with John in the next couple of weeks to get some information from him to use in the brochure.

Rob asked if a date or venue has been selected to present the award. Brent replied that the award will likely be presented sometime in the fall and that he is going to get some input from John about a possible venue.

C. County Treasure Award Update – Brent

Brent mentioned that the Board has approved the Council's nomination of 4130 W. Beacon Light Road for the County Treasure Award. The date and venue for the presentation has not yet been decided.

D. Latino Community in Idaho & Ada County History Discussion – Natalie

Brent told the Council that between Larry's and Carolina's interviews for the Council that Commissioner Dayley had expressed interest in history and the Latino Community and had mentioned the former Spanish Village near the location of the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, Commissioner Dayley introduced Natalie to him as a resource for the Council.

Natalie gave an introduction of herself and family to the Council. Natalie is from Pocatello and her great grandfather came to Eastern Idaho in 1917 because of the Union Pacific Railroad. The railroad was the reason why a lot of Hispanics had come to Idaho during that time period. In the early 1990's she was appointed to the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs (ICHA). One of the projects the ICHA did was to record oral histories of people coming to Idaho prior to 1950. A few of the oral histories was published into a book. She also mentioned that a lot of the families recruited by the railroad stayed in Idaho.

Larry asked how we can access these stories. Natalie replied that the stories are in a book and the book can be found in many of the public libraries as copies of the book were given to libraries.

Natalie highlighted that there are different ways to tell the stories of Latinos in Idaho. For example, there were Latinos that came to Idaho in the 1970's to work on the construction of the HP Campus. Carolina mentioned that her family came here because of Morrison Knudsen.

There was also discussion about Latinos military service and the importance of telling these stories to the broader community.

Carolina mentioned a couple of sites that have ties to the Latino community such as Spanish Village and the El Korah Shriners Temple.

There was also discussion about finding Latino families that have a long history in Ada County.

Angie stated that historic preservation is more than just buildings. It can be a site, cemetery, or a plot of land where a historic event took place.

Rob asked what is the action item?

Angie replied that there are so many things that could be highlighted.

Brent replied that the Council could put together a PowerPoint Presentation and that Brianna the Communications & Outreach Coordinator for Development Services could create an Instagram story. It was discussed that the Instagram story could lead people to the more in-depth PowerPoint Presentation.

Ideas for outreach were thought of and discussed. Carolina stated that St. Mary's Catholic Church may have a lot of resources. Carolina also suggested that we could do something with the railroads and tie it into the Latino community.

Natalie stated that railroad jobs in those days were segregated. The more laborious jobs were typically done by Latinos and Native Americans.

E. History of Airmail Navigation in Idaho – Glen

Glen gave an introduction of himself. He started work as a Land Surveyor Tech in 1980 around Yellow Pine. He had grown up in Boise. His dad was the chief pilot for Morrison Knudsen and was also a naval instructor in southern California. Growing up he spent a lot of time at the old MK hangar at Gowen Field. Through one of his employers, he

became acquainted with Arthur Hart. He would drive Arthur around and became interested in history by listening to his stories. Glen recently retired this past January after working for 20 years at Ada County and 22 years working for private surveyors.

Glen became interested in the history of airmail routes and aviation arrows by meeting Charlotte & Brian Smith who lived close to his in-laws in Loomis California.

The Airmail Act of 1925 (Kelly Act) authorized the Postmaster General to contract for domestic air mail service with commercial air carriers.

The airmail route that went through Ada County was Contract Airmail Route #5. It originally went from Salt Lake City to Elko to Boise to Pasco. It eventually skipped Elko and went from Salt Lake City to Boise to Pasco. Route #26 also went through Idaho on its way to Montana from Salt Lake City.

In 1927 the transcontinental airway was transferred to the Department of Commerce from the Post Office Department.

In 1973, the last airway light beacon, on Whitewater Hill near Palm Beach, California was decommissioned.

The first transcontinental air mail route was across the country from New York City to San Francisco. By 1930 the number of airmail routes greatly expanded across the continental United States.

One of the first flights on Route #5 got lost and crashed in the area of Juniper Mountain, southeast of Jordan Valley.

Glen went over the typical beacon design. Carolina asked if the arrows were painted. Glen replied yes. Larry asked what happened in winter with snow on the ground. Glen said there were caretakers on the property to shovel snow off the arrow.

The first air mail flight for Boise occurred on April 6, 1926.

Glen mentioned that the beacons and arrows were generally fifteen (15) miles apart. He also went over the location of the beacons along the air mail route across Idaho and showed pictures of the remaining remnants of beacons and arrows in southern Idaho. One of the beacons is still standing in Elmore County over in the Glens Ferry and King Hill area. Ada County would have been home to two (2) beacons (Beacon 29 and Beacon 30). The arrow for Beacon 29 is still remaining and is located east of the Isaac's Canyon Interchange. The other beacon in Ada County would have been located near Eagle and is long gone.

F. Spring Rock Planned Community Implementation Plan – Brent

This item was not discussed as we ran out of time. Rob asked if we could discuss at the next meeting and Brent replied yes. Item was tabled to the September meeting.

G. Dry Creek Ranch Periodic Evaluation Survey – Brent

This item was not discussed as we ran out of time. Rob asked if we could discuss at the next meeting and Brent replied yes. Item was tabled to the September meeting.

H. Future Agenda Items – Council

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1, 2023	Preservation Idaho <i>Preserving Modern: Modern Solutions for Saving Modern Landmarks</i> 1100 W. Idaho Street, Suite 100, Boise, ID 83702 https://www.preservationidaho.org/calendar/2023/8/1/idaho-modern-social-amp-tour-of-millerknoll-showroom-preserving-modern-modern-solutions-for-saving-modern-landmarks	5:00 PM
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August 1, 2023	Preservation Idaho: ArchWalks Tour <i>Tour a mid-century commercial neighborhood on the Depot Bench. \$14</i> https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11257516? performanceId=11257516	6:30 PM – 7:45 PM
August 3, 2023	First Thursday at the Idaho State Museum <i>Demonstration by Ballet Folklorico Mexico Lindo. Learn the history of Ballet Folklorico.</i> Idaho State Museum	5:00 P.M – 8:00 PM
August 5, 2023	WalkAbout Boise <i>1.5 hour professionally guided walking tour of downtown Boise.</i> Bench in front of Basque Museum on Grove Street, \$16.25 https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11251095? performanceId=11251095	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
August 5, 2023	Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse Tour 5006 W. Farm Court, Hidden Springs	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
August 12, 2023	WalkAbout Boise <i>1.5 hour professionally guided walking tour of downtown Boise.</i> Bench in front of Basque Museum on Grove Street, \$16.25 https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11251096? performanceId=11251096	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
August 12, 2023	Family Second Saturday: Idaho Through the Five Senses <i>Experience Idaho through the five senses – taste, touch, smell, sight, and sound</i> Idaho State Museum, \$10 https://store.history.idaho.gov/Tickets.aspx	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
August 12, 2023	Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse Tour 5006 W. Farm Court, Hidden Springs	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
August 12, 2023	32 Cells Art Show: Uplift <i>Art show inspired by stories from the historic Idaho State Penitentiary</i> Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$10	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
August 19, 2023	WalkAbout Boise <i>1.5 hour professionally guided walking tour of downtown Boise.</i> Bench in Front of Basque Museum on Grove Street, \$16.25 https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11251097? performanceId=11251097	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
August 19, 2023	Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse Tour & Fort Garrison, Life on the Farm 5006 W. Farm Court, Hidden Springs	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
August 26, 2023	WalkAbout Boise <i>1.5 hour professionally guided walking tour of downtown Boise.</i> Bench in Front of Basque Museum on Grove Street, \$16.25 https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11251098? performanceId=11251098	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
August 26, 2023	Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse Tour 5006 W. Farm Court, Hidden Springs	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
August 26 – 27, 2023	Paranormal Investigation <i>Join Big River Paranormal as they attempt to connect with prisoners and guards of the past.</i>	9:15 PM –

	Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$40	2:00 AM
August 31, 2023	Preservation Idaho: ArchWalks Tour <i>Tour a mid-century commercial neighborhood on the Depot Bench.</i> \$14 https://ci.ovationtix.com/34774/performance/11257517? performanceld=11257517	12:00 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT 1:15 PM

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: September 5, 2023