

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 5, 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 12:01 PM

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members					Staff & Others	
X	Rob Fraser	X	Bob Reinhardt		X	Brent Danielson, Staff
	Frank Eld	X	Joseph Gallagher	X	X	Michaela Owens, Staff
X	Angie Steele	X	Larry Sundell	X	X	Todd Tucker, Boise Hunter Homes
					X	Commissioner Tom Dayley
					X	Cyndi Elliot, Dry Creek Historical Society

III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November Minutes

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

V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CLG Grant Update – Brent

Brent reported that SHPO is still waiting for authorization to release the grant funds.

B. Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures – Todd & Council

This item was tabled to the January 2, 2024 meeting.

Rob asked what the next steps are?

Brent replied that Boise Hunter Homes has offered to provide a tour of the sites once they finish the interior remodel of the farmhouse.

Rob asked when is the remodel anticipated to be complete.

Brent responded that Todd is going to let him know and schedule the tour with him.

Bob asked if we need to have the interior done before the exterior. Do we want to call them in before the interior tour?

Angie stated that the agreement is just for the façade. She is concerned about the maintenance of the exterior and thinks it is important to have a proper site review.

Jay thinks that we shouldn't wait and to present them with a list of bullet points of items that they want to see from Dry Creek Ranch's plans for the preservation and remediation of the structures.

It was discussed that Jay had earlier compiled a list from when Frank and him drove by the site.

Bob suggested for the Council to send them a letter with Jay's bullet points.

Larry had questions regarding the building occupancy classification for the farmhouse and what they would need to do to meet code if the occupancy classification for the structure were to change. He is also concerned about the barn.

Angie mentioned that she had talked with SHPO and that we could recommend to them individuals that they could hire to do the restoration work.

Brent mentioned that Todd had told them at the last meeting that they were hiring a structural engineer to look at the barn.

Rob made a motion to send a letter to Boise Hunter Homes with a list of bullet points of items that they want to see from Dry Creek Ranch's plans for the preservation of the structures. Joe seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

C. Horse Racing Records at EXPO Idaho – Brent

Brent told the Council that Commissioner Davidson had sent him an email mentioning that EXPO Idaho is going to be discarding the old horse racing records and asked him if the Historic Preservation Council would be interested in looking over the records to determine if there is anything of historical value worth saving.

Brent replied to Commissioner Davidson that he would check with the Council at their meeting.

Brent informed the Council that the County is redeveloping the site of the former Les Bois Racetrack on the EXPO Idaho property into a regional park. The park recently received its zoning entitlements and construction of the park will begin soon. The park will be completed in 2026.

Brent suggested that the documents might be used to create a presentation on the history of horse racing in Ada County that could tie into the grand opening of the park or as a historical kiosk.

Brent asked if anyone was interested in reviewing the records.

Bob suggested the records could go to Boise State Special Collections.

Angie brought up that there might be a legal obligation for the records to go to the Idaho State Archive.

It was mentioned that the ideal situation is for the records to go to a repository.

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

Bob started the discussion with the following: Finding out if a property is:

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

Bob stated that Frank is concerned about structures that are eligible, but because of changes to the façade they wouldn't make it on the list.

Bob is going to investigate a few more things and will report back in January.

Larry gave an example of homes that were moved from diversion dam.

There was a brief discussion on whether or not the moved homes are eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Angie mentioned that the benefit to being designated on the National Register of Historic Places is a property becomes eligible for tax credits for restoration and preservation.

E. 4130 W. Beacon Light Road Barn Tour – Carolina & Others

Carolina mentioned that something came up and she wasn't able to attend the barn tour, but she was at the first tour of the property.

Angie replied that she and Frank were able to attend. She mentioned that the barn has really good bones. Preservation Idaho provide the property owners with some examples of deed restrictions. Frank made some recommendations regarding the preservation of the barn such as removing a tree that is growing into the foundation of the barn. Since the barn is a ballooned frame barn Frank also suggested using a wire to reduce bowing.

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

Brent mentioned that this item on the agenda is used to allow any guests from other historic groups to inform the Council of what their groups are doing.

Since Cyndi had left the meeting, Jay informed the Council of the happenings of the Dry Creek Historical Society. They are having a visit from Santa Claus at the Schick-Ostolasa House.

G. Jesus Urquides & Spanish Village Presentation Outline – Council

Brent stated that he wants to get feedback from the Council on how they should organize and develop the presentations. He mentioned that at previous meetings there was support in having three (3) separate presentations relating to Spanish Village, Jesus Urquides, and Mule Packing in Idaho. It was discussed that there would be an introduction video that would be on Instagram and Facebook and in that video there would be links to the longer more in depth videos.

Brent asked after the videos are created if the Council if they wanted the videos to be dropped all at once or if they wanted the videos to be released individually.

Jay replied that his preference for the release of the videos is the History of Mule Packing, Jesus Urquides, and Spanish Village.

Jay also stated that he could write the script on the history of mule packing in Ada County.

In terms of the videos Brent stated that they could show what the area surrounding Spanish Village looks now as well as any historic photos of Spanish Village and mule packing that might be in the Idaho State Archives.

Commissioner Dayley mentioned that there are some sheds that he can see from his office that may have possibly been a part of Spanish Village.

It was discussed if we can get permission to be on the properties, we could incorporate the sheds into the video.

Brent will work on writing the scripts for Jesus Urquides and Spanish Village.

Bob mentioned that he can assist in editing the scripts.

Commissioner Dayley suggested to check with the Idaho Hispanic Council as they may have information that could help with the script and video.

Carolina replied that she will check with them and see if they would be interested in partnering with us on the presentation.

The Council and Commissioner Dayley brainstormed some other relevant stakeholders like the City of Boise History Department and the Basque Center that we could reach out to.

Angie asked if it would be helpful to find out the ownership history of the parcels associated with Spanish Village. If so, Brent could make a request to Nikola in the Recorder's Office.

Rob asked about a timeline.

Brent responded that it will probably be Spring when the videos will be made.

H. Future Agenda Items – Council

- Election of Officers

Bob asked about the election of officers.

Brent replied that all three (3) offices are 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; therefore, they are eligible to remain in their current positions for another year.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7, 2023	Idaho State Museum Holiday First Thursday <i>Preview their 3rd annual Winter Wonder Village and shop at their 2nd annual vendor fair featuring local Idaho Artists.</i> Idaho State Museum	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
December 8, 2023	Midway Marionettists Present: Marionette Nativity <i>Watch the Midway Marionettists' Marionette Troupe perform the Nativity using puppets from Prague created by master puppet designer Mirek Trejtnar.</i> The Bishops' House, \$5 https://www.thebishopshouse.com/events.html	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
December 9, 2023	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=17538	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
December 9, 2023	Family Second Saturday: Calligraphy & Quills <i>The Idaho Inkspots Calligraphy Guild will be doing demonstrations and creating calligraphy bookmarks!</i> Idaho State Museum, \$10	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
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December 10, 2023	Classic Movie at the Museum: Miracle on 34 th Street Idaho State Museum, \$5 https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=14088	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
December 14, 2023	\$1 Day <i>49th Anniversary of the Old Idaho Penitentiary operating as a historic site and museum</i> Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$1	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
December 14, 2023	Winter Wonder Village: Family Night <i>Crafts, carols, and coco</i> Idaho State Museum, \$5	5:00 PM –

	https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=14076	8:00 PM
December 16, 2023	Variety from the Vaults: From Grandma's Kitchen <i>Explore stories through food from history.</i> Idaho State Archives	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
December 21, 2023	Winter Wonder Village: Merry and Bright <i>Experience Idaho State Museum's Winter Wonder Village in an adult only setting. Sip cider and wander through the Pioneer Village lights display.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$5	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT 12:54 P.M.

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: January 2, 2024