

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 FEBRUARY 6, 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 12:02 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members				Staff & Others			
	Rob Fraser	X	Bob Reinhardt		Carolina Valderrama Echavarria	X	Brent Danielson, Staff
X	Frank Eld	X	Joseph Gallagher	X	Jay Karamales	X	Michaela Owens, Staff
X	Angie Steele	X	Larry Sundell			X	Todd Tucker, Boise Hunter Homes
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						X	Blaine Johnston, Meridian Historic Preservation Council
						X	Cyndi Elliot, Dry Creek Historical Society
						X	Commissioner Tom Dayley

III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January Minutes

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

V. ACTION / INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CLG Grant Update – Brent

Brent reported that the Board of County Commissioners had a budget hearing at their Open Business Meeting this morning for the CLG Grant Funds and the budget resolution was approved. Brent will be meeting with the Procurement Department to work on soliciting bids for a consultant.

B. Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures – Council & Todd

Todd presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Council highlighting each of the historic structures and related improvements on the grounds.

Todd showed pictures of the initial windows on the farmhouse. He also showed a flyer of the proposed wood replacement windows along with the \$66,000 quote for the windows.

Angie asked if all the windows will be swapped. She is very concerned about the front façade where the porch is.

Todd replied yes.

Frank asked if the windows will be double hung.

Todd responded that they will be in the same configuration.

Joe asked if the windows will be clad in aluminum.

Todd stated that they are not planning on changing the aluminum siding on the house.

Angie stated that she wants the exterior to be as close to the original as possible.

Larry mentioned the icehouse windows.

Todd replied that they are not planning to replace the window in the icehouse.

Todd showed a picture of the sidewalk. The sidewalk is 2 ½ feet wide. They are going to replace it with concrete in the exact same location and width. He asked the Council if they would be okay if the sidewalk was wider.

Larry mentioned that an ADA compliant sidewalk is wider than 2 ½ feet.

Angie replied that we will need to look at the plan. She is fine if something is brought up to code as long as it doesn't deter the architectural character of the structure. She would like more specifics on the sidewalk.

Larry asked if the farmhouse will be used as an office.

Todd replied yes.

Frank stated that he would prefer to see it the way it is.

Bob replied that if the sidewalk is expanded then we need to get in writing from Boise Hunter Homes and then confer with SHPO.

Todd mentioned that he will have the drafter put sidewalks on the site plan.

Todd stated that they will replace the concrete step with the exact same concrete. He also went over the paint colors for the farmhouse. The body of the house will be white, and the roof will be Sherwin Williams Arugula.

Todd showed where they are looking to put the proposed signage and asked the Council if there are different locations on the site that they would prefer the signs.

Jay responded that the sign locations look reasonable to him.

Todd stated that he is looking forward to working with the Council on the signs.

Todd mentioned that for landscaping they are working with a landscape architect to come up with a plan on what shrubs and other landscape materials to plant.

Joe asked about watering between the sidewalk and house.

Todd replied that they can probably have on-site personnel or the on-site farmer water the planting strip. He is not sure if the site has pressurized irrigation.

Joe mentioned drip irrigation might be a good option.

Jay responded that they faced a similar situation at the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead. Cyndi Elliot or Jan McNamara with the Dry Creek Historical Society could provide some insight.

Todd mentioned that they had a structural engineer look at the barn. The engineer was adamant that no one go inside the barn. The engineer's assessment was if work is done

to the barn, it could damage the barn more. The engineer's recommendation is to do nothing to the barn.

Frank asked Todd if he could forward the structural engineer's letter to the Council.

Todd replied yes.

Jay asked Frank if he could estimate the age of the barn.

Frank said that he could tell the age of the barn by the age of the fasteners. He would need to look closely at the barn to do so.

Joe mentioned that the barn is far from throw away.

Bob suggested coming up with a plan on possible rehabilitation.

Todd mentioned that he is still working with the owners on the icehouse. They really like the look of the ivy along the wall.

Angie suggested having a trellis for the ivy to grow as an alternative so that the ivy doesn't destroy the building.

Todd will provide a site plan of the structures and walkways, structural engineer's report, and a landscape plan.

C. 2024 Operating Plan – Council

Brent stated that for the 2024 Operating Plan he added the Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures as well as the Spanish Village Presentation to the plan. If there are no changes proposed the Council can vote on whether or not to accept the plan.

Joe mentioned that he would like for the Council to look at each item and assign it to a council member.

Larry agreed with Joe.

Bob said that there are two (2) options: 1. Go through the operating plan as a Council and then vote on the plan. 2. Or vote on the plan and then set aside another time to go through the plan and assign items to Council members.

Angie mentioned that her preference is to approve and then review for assignments.

Angie motioned to approve the 2024 Operating Plan and to look at the plan at a future meeting to provide Council member assignments. Frank & Jay seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

D. Location for Farmstead Preservation – Joe

Commissioner Dayley joined the meeting.

Brent mentioned that Joe brought the topic of having a location in Ada County where farmstead buildings could be preserved.

Joe replied that he wanted to get feedback from the Council of a physical location where historic structures could be moved to in order to preserve them.

Angie mentioned that there are examples in other states such as Wisconsin.

Joe stated that context with historic structures is important. He mentioned that the historic structures in Dry Creek Ranch lack their context as the structures are surrounded by subdivisions. He asked how does the Council want to preserve context.

Bob responded that if a structure is moved it is difficult to get it on the register. He mentioned that we would need to develop a process and the acquisition of property. It would be beneficial to look at how other places have done it.

Frank replied that Roseberry in Valley County is an example of moved historic buildings. The buildings were able to be saved by moving them to Roseberry.

Bob said we need to provide guidance on moving a threatened structure. He asked Joe to prepare an outline of things the Council could recommend.

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

This item was tabled.

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

Cyndi Elliot with the Dry Creek Historical Society made the suggestion of putting together a map showing the location of historic structures or creating a driving tour. The Dry Creek Historical Society has created a map noting historic sites within the Dry Creek Valley that they hand out at the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead. She went over upcoming events at the farmstead. Frank will be giving a presentation on Schick Barn on April 25th at 7:00 P.M. at the Hidden Springs Community Barn. There will be a Spring Tea Party on April 27th. May 4th is the opening day for the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead, and they will be celebrating the 160th anniversary of the farmstead.

Blaine Johnston with the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission gave an update on Egger’s farmstead. The developer spoke to the Meridian HPC and the dual silos are in the pathway of the proposed street. The Meridian HPC has asked the developer to disassemble and move the silos.

Frank asked Blaine about the barn.

Blaine replied that the barn is likely to be demolished. The developer is willing to give the barn and silos away.

Bob asked if there is anything that the Council can do to help.

Blaine responded that you can come and testify at the Meridian P&Z hearing.

- G. Future Agenda Items – Council

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3, 2024	Lunar New Year Celebration <i>Celebrate and honor the traditions of Lunar New Year in Idaho with hands-on activities and performances. Visit Creating Community in Boise’s Chinatown special pop-up exhibit.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$15 https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=17557	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
February 9 or 10, 2024	Valentine’s Dinner at the Bishops’ House The Bishops’ House, \$50 https://www.thebishopshouse.com/events.html	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
February 10, 2024	Exhibiting Curiosity Behind the Scenes Tour <i>Go behind the scenes 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=17540	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
February 10, 2024	Family Second Saturday: Black History Month <i>Learn more about Black Idahoans from early pioneers, advocates, and artists.</i> Idaho State Museum, \$10	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
February 14, 2024	Romancing the Pen <i>Stroll through the Old Idaho Penitentiary with special exhibits on love stories and love letters from the Idaho State Penitentiary.</i> Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$10 https://store.history.idaho.gov/performance.aspx?pid=17556	12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

February 17, 2024	Variety from the Vaults: Silver Screens and Radio Waves <i>Learn about Idahoans who made it in Hollywood and why the Sun Valley Lodge is so popular with celebrities.</i> Idaho State Archives	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
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VII. ADJOURNMENT 1:07 P.M.

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: March 5, 2024