

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.

AGENDA FOR MARCH 5, 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 12:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members				Staff & Others			
X	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				Todd Tucker, Boise Hunter Homes

III. AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 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 he met with the Procurement Department, and they came up with a timeline for the procurement process. A rough draft of the RFP has been completed and reviewed. A finalized RFP will be completed in early March and the RFP will be sent out in mid-March. Proposals are due April 1st. The proposals will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the Board of County Commissioners around the end of April.

Larry asked what the grant amount is.

Brent replied that the grant is a matching grant. We will receive \$10,000 and the County provides \$5,000 and the Council will provide \$5,000 worth of in-kind time.

B. Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures – Council & Todd

a. Farmhouse Windows

b. Farmhouse Paint Colors

- c. Sidewalk
- d. Landscaping
- e. Barn
- f. Icehouse

Several council members expressed concern that a representative from Boise Hunter Homes did not attend the meeting as the date is nearing where improvements to the historic structures are supposed to be completed according to the Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures Preservation Plan.

Rob asked if they had presented product data at the last meeting?

Frank replied that they gave a PowerPoint Presentation. He mentioned that the Council has suggested to them several times that they hire an architectural historian. He is deeply concerned that they have not yet hired an architectural historian. He would like for the architectural historian to make the recommendations to the Council.

Angie referenced the Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures Preservation Plan, which is an exhibit to the Façade and Use Easement Agreement. She mentioned that improvements to the farmhouse are supposed to be made after consultation with an architectural historian to ensure the materials, colors, and finishes are accurate to the time period when the structure was built.

Rob stated getting an architectural historian is key. They need to provide exact specifications for the window. There also needs to be an approval process.

Frank mentioned that the Council hasn't really seen any specifications for the window.

Bob said that the Council still needs to approve, but they need to consult with an architectural historian first. It seems like they are skipping over that step. He wants to see a written proposal and that they have consulted with an architectural historian.

Frank stated that we have been trying to resolve it amicably and that they are not fulfilling the obligation, professionally.

Larry stated that the ice house has been stuck on the back burner.

Frank said we need to send a letter to them that reflects the fact they need to address the preservation work for the ice house and that they need to consult with an architectural historian.

Frank made a motion for the Council to send a letter to Boise Hunter Homes. The letter will need to reference the Façade and Use Easement Agreement along with the Dry Creek Ranch Historic Structures Preservation Plan that they need to consult an architectural historian before the Council approves any exterior modifications. In addition, the Council wants a written report that includes diagrams, building elevation drawings, and product data and specification sheets. Bob seconded the motion. Brent will prepare a draft letter and circulate to the Council for comment.

**Following the meeting, it was realized that the letter to Boise Hunter Homes should include the historic barn. Angie made a motion via e-mail on March 8, 2024 to address the Barn in the letter using the same treatment as the other two buildings. The proposal is to reiterate what is in the agreement by copying the language. The agreement has very specific guidelines for renovations of the barn. The motion was seconded by Bob. Frank, Jay, and Rob, in addition to Angie and Bob voted to approve of the motion. Brent will incorporate the barn into the letter.*

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

Bob went over his updated flow chart for determining if a threatened structure is historic. The first question is the property/structure listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). If yes, the Council will notify the responsible actor by letter that the structure is on/eligible for the NRHP along with the following: Contribution of the property to Ada County history; reasons/value of historic preservation; options to preserve the property. Then send a copy of the letter to the Board of Ada County Commissioners. Record the decision in the Council minutes and send a letter to citizen complainant as appropriate. If the property is not listed or eligible for the NRHP we look to see if the property/structure is significant according to one of the four “Criteria for Evaluation” of the NRHP – Events, Persons, Distinctive Characteristics containing information about prehistory or history. If the property/structure is significant we notify the responsible actor by letter the value of the property to Ada County history, with specific reference to the appropriate criteria; reasons/value of historic preservation; and options to preserve the property. Then send a copy of the letter to the Board of Ada County Commissioners. Record the decision in the Council minutes and send letter to citizen complainant as appropriate.

Bob asked if this addresses Frank’s concerns.

Frank responded yes, but added a step is needed to notify Planning & Zoning and if applicable the City’s Historic Preservation Commission.

Bob will revise the flow chart. He also stated that we will need to craft some letter templates.

There was discussion of creating a working group to craft the templates.

D. Guidance on Moving Historic Structures – Joe

This item was tabled to next month’s meeting.

E. Operating Plan Review and Assignments – Council

This item was tabled to next month’s meeting.

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

There were no outside historic groups in attendance at the meeting.

G. Future Agenda Items – Council

Working group for templates on historic structures.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 2024	First Thursday at the Idaho State Museum “So Ready for Laughter: The Legacy of Bob Hope” special exhibit from the National World War II Museum Idaho State Museum	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
March 7, 2024	Fettuccine Forum: Housing and Home in a Growing Boise Learn about the relationship between housing and home in Boise and its neighborhoods, how they connect to Boise’s past, and how they fit in Boise’s future Trailhead & Virtual https://cityofboise.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ejrkSCq6S_uUMvLPbrJMNQ#/registration	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
March 9, 2024	Family Second Saturday: Flower Power Learn about Idaho’s unique flowers, including the syringa, and other iconic state symbols. Idaho State Museum, \$10	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

March 16 – March 24, 2024	Idaho State Penitentiary Cemetery Tour <i>Visit the rarely seen prison cemetery.</i> Old Idaho Penitentiary, \$15 https://store.history.idaho.gov/PerformanceCalendar.aspx	12:00 PM – 7:00 PM
March 28, 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=17541	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT 1:01 P.M.

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 2, 2024