



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Wednesday, December 07, 2022 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

 x Blaine Johnston, President Destinie Hart, Vice President
 x Pam Jagosh (arrived late)
 x Jody Ault
 x Jack Keller

City staff present were Arts and Culture Coordinator, Cassandra Schiffler and City Attorney, Bill Nary.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

J. Ault made motion to adopt agenda, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

1. **Approve:** Minutes from 10-27-22 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

J. Ault made motion to approve minutes, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [ACTION ITEM]

2. **Approve:** Monthly Financial Statement

C. Schiffler reviewed the Commission's budget since meeting agenda includes approvals that will impact the budget.

J. Ault made motion to approve the monthly financial statements, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes

OLD BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]

3. **Discuss:** Preservation Options for Egger's Farm / Black Cat Farm

B. Johnston stated the developer's plans are still unknown at this time and the property has not yet been annexed by the City. B. Johnston noted that letters have been sent to the developer by the Ada County Historic Preservation Committee and Preservation Idaho, requesting the developer to maintain/keep the buildings on site and incorporate them into the development design.

B. Nary confirmed that the Commission is limited as to what it can do and there is no ordinance mandating preservation of historical sites, so the Commission's focus is really to capture images of historical sites before they change. B. Nary stated crafting a letter to the developer which includes information on potential tax credits if the buildings are preserved would be appropriate and/or even inviting the developer or a representative to a future Commission meeting to keep the dialogue going about future options for the buildings.

Commission Feedback:

J. Ault stated that at a minimum the Commission needs to get the property recorded with photos and 360° inside/outside images and also asked if there is any way for the Commission to do more than photographic preservation. *Yes, if the developer is willing to incorporate the structures into the development's design. May be able to recommend the double-silo granary to the National Historic Registry. Work beyond pictorial documentation is dependent on the property being annexed by the City. The Commission will review proposal from HullFilm today to document the property.*

B. Johnston stated from an architect's point of view the best solution is to leave the buildings on site. B. Johnston confirmed he will draft a letter to the developer and send it to C. Schiffler and B. Nary for review.

4. **Proposal:** TAG North Main Street Survey Project, Phase II

C. Schiffler reviewed the TAG North Main Street Survey Project Phase II proposal which is budgeted to be \$5000 and would happen over the next year but noted the project end date would need to be changed from October 1, 2023 to align with the City's fiscal year.

J. Ault made motion to approve the proposal to complete Phase II of the North Main Street Survey not to exceed \$5000, seconded by J. Keller.

All ayes

Commission Feedback:

B. Johnston noted that this project is something the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) suggested during the Commission's last CLG Certification meeting. B. Johnston stated he felt like that the cost of this project would still leave the Commission with enough funds to accomplish other projects this year.

5. **Proposal:** 360 Virtual Sites Photography Project at Egger Farm / Black Cat Farm

C. Schiffler reviewed the HullFilm proposal with the Commission.

J. Ault made motion to approve the proposal to photograph Egger Farm not to exceed \$1800, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes

REPORTS

6. **Update:** History Center at City Hall

C. Schiffler noted a document from the Library was included in the meeting packet which states the History Center, located within City Hall and managed by the Library, is open Monday – Friday from 10am – 4pm for self-guided tours.

Commission Feedback:

B. Johnston inquired if the History Center exhibit materials would rotate. *All questions should be directed to the Library.* B. Johnston stated images from the Center can be used by the Commission for social media posts.

B. Nary stated his Library contact had informed him there would be panels installed but is not sure of the long-term plans for the Center.

7. **Update:** Meridian Speedway Nomination to the National Historic Registry
Returned by National Parks Service for Additional Review

B. Johnston read the letter to the Commission from SHPO that states the nomination was returned to SHPO from the National Parks Service as the nomination needs additional work before the property can be listed.

C. Schiffler confirmed that SHPO will handle all revisions to the nomination so there is nothing required from the City or Commission or TAG Historical Research.

C. Schiffler stated that SHPO feels strongly the property can be listed on the national registry after revisions to the nomination are made.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS / DISCUSSION

8. **Review and Planning:** Previous Student Initiatives and Previous Preservation Month Activities and Begin Planning for Preservation Month in May 2023

B. Johnston encouraged the Commission to think about potential student initiatives and come ready to discuss ideas at the next Commission meeting as well as activities for Preservation Month, though a theme likely will not be released until March.

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 2023

J. Ault made motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Jagosh

All ayes

ADJOURNMENT