



WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

HPC Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2022

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Washington County Court House Commissioner's Chambers

in Weiser, Idaho

County HP Commissioners: Dennis Lance-President, Dave Bean, Brenda Aldrich

City HP Commissioners: Dennis Lance, Lynda Lance,

Members of the public in attendance: Thel Pearson, Lisa McKnight, Coleen Grant, Julie Chandler. Secretary (ZOOM), Robert Peterson, Tech support. Sheri Freemuth: Senior Planner JUB Engineers (ZOOM), Barbara Bauer: TAG Team (ZOOM)

Minutes:

The minutes from March meeting needed to be approved. Dave B. moved to approve the minutes and Lynda L. moved to second. Motion carried.

Mitigation Business:

Power Point Presentation:

Sheri Freemuth, the senior planner from JUB Engineers was introduced and given the floor to make a power point presentation on the Washington County Historic Plan. The power point is available to view in its entirety by contacting Tony. Here's an overview of what was discussed in the presentation:

Some background of what has been/needs to be done was presented:

- Cove Road Bridge Memorandum of Agreement signed December 2020
- Historic Preservation services contract October 2021
- WCHPC Kickoff Meeting December 15, 2021
- HPP Goals and Objectives April 2022
- HPP Preliminary Draft May 2022
- Public Outreach June 2022
- Survey Phase begins early fall 2022

The Historic Preservation Plan's project objectives are to: 1- actively engage the public in conversations regarding historic preservation in our county 2- Identify key historic context statements and guide future historic resource survey activity 3- develop strategies that will assist in protections and management of historic resources

Sheri reviewed the public involvement in the surveys and outreach events and shared those 236 surveys were completed throughout the county. The survey showed that the general public feels the benefits of Historic Preservation are: 1. To leave a legacy for future generations 2. Improves our understanding of the past to

help make better decisions in the future 3. Demonstrates respect for our ancestors and culture 4. Provides educational opportunities for teaching history and culture 5. Retains community character 6. Reduces sprawl and saves farmland and open space 7. Creates opportunities for economic development

Survey: Representative Historic Property Types (numbered in order of vulnerability) 2-downtowns and other commercial areas, 1-agricultural buildings (barns, silos, homesteads, etc.), 10-cemeteries and burial grounds 3- houses and neighborhoods, 9-public buildings, 7- recreational area, 5- bridges, 11-churches and other religious properties, schools, 8-industrial properties 4- rural landscapes 6- archaeological sites

HPP Initial Issues List:

- Need to have a better understanding of tribal concerns
- County resources that have not been fully surveyed or evaluated include: importance of dams and associated issues to the history of the county, remaining old schoolhouses that exist in the county as well as those that no longer remain (lower Mann's Creek Road, Midvale's relocated structures, etc.), the original ferry system and the bridges that followed, developments that have occurred since World War II including some industrial development (trailer, mobile home factory), agricultural resources including the apple orchard tram system (Mesa Hill) and the unique barn structures that evolved in the County, recreational resources like baseball fields, pond, etc.
- Effectiveness of existing local historic preservation commissions, historical groups, and museums
- Potential for better communication between preservation groups and the public of preservation programs

Goals and Objectives:

Goals: broad aspirational statements for a 10-20 year future

Objectives: directed measurable and attainable statements to achieve goals. Specific actions should establish what needs to be done to achieve each objective

Potential Goals:

- 1-preserve Washington County historic resources to provide a legacy for future generations
- 2- strengthen public understanding of Washington County history and culture
- 3- provide opportunities for historic preservation activities for the communities of Washington County
- 4- improve administration of historic preservation programs.

Next Steps:

- WCHPC review survey findings and issues list
- WCHPC edit, add and provide issues list to JUB by April 19th
- WCHPC review and comment on historic context statements by April 19th
- Based on WCHPC comments, JUB provides draft goals and objectives document - April 27th

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Barbara Bauer took a moment to discuss sites surveyed and those still needing to be. There is a big gap from 1945 on. Julie pointed out that initially when we did those reconnaissance surveys, we were trying to do our Historic Properties and anything from 1940 on seemed too modern to consider. Adding 30 plus years to that decision, now makes them much more historical than they seemed in the late 1980-1990's

UPRR Cell Tower:

Tony sent information about the cell tower the UPRR is planning to erect. Dennis L. pointed out that it is pretty close to the rapids. He sent letters, but hasn't heard back from them. Not exactly sure where it is being placed.

New Business:

Dennis L. revisited the presentation Aleta Luhmann made in our WAPC meeting about some help to do repairs and updates on the Haas Community Hall. This is most timely to be considered for a CLG grant proposal for this fall. Some other grant possibilities would be to do National Register Nominations for the Nesbitt House and/or the Ford house. Some county grant ideas would be some of the old barns on Manns Creek Rd.

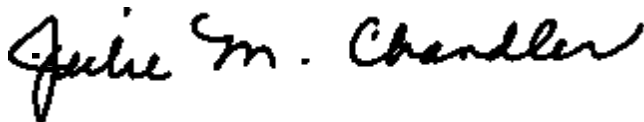
Lynda asked if we didn't have to get the old pump house we had a grant for on the National Register as a condition for it to be considered for a CLG grant?

Meeting Adjourned about 6:07 p.m.

Next meeting: **Monday, May 2nd**, at the Washington County Court House. Watch your emails for the meeting reminder.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Chandler, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie M. Chandler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a prominent "M".