



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION for Wash. Co. & City of Weiser

–Monday, April 3, 2023, 2023

Time: 5 :30 PM

Location: Washington County Court House
Commissioner’s Chambers in Weiser, Idaho

County HP Commissioners: Dennis Lance, Brenda Aldrich, Tony Edmondson, Dennis Cooper, Thel Pearson

City HP Commissioners: Dennis Lance, Lynda Lance (absent), Tony Edmondson, Steve Clausen, Cheri Clausen

Members of the public in attendance: Dave Bean, Nina Hawkins, Julie Chandler. Secretary

Tony called the meeting to order.

approve the minutes and Dennis C. moved to second. Motion carried.

Tony announced that our City Commissioners, Steve Clausen and Dennis Lance were reappointed to the Historic Commission at the February city council Meeting.

Minidoka Oral Histories: Dan Everhart got information on how the Minidoka Oral Histories might be accessed and it has been passed on to Dennis C. The problem continues to be that the tiny digital video cassettes can’t be played on any of the machines Dennis has available. Cheri said that her dad might have a machine that could play them. She will check with him.

Pump House Graffiti: Dan got the name of a product that may work to remove the painted graffiti on the old pump house bricks. Everett Pierce has been contacted to do the work. Kim Gibbs will order the product and Everett is ready to go to work as soon as it arrives.

Washington County Preservation Plan Surveys: The TAG ladies are out and about starting their work. Thank you to Dennis C. for getting the article into the newspaper and for the postcards that were sent to the property owners. Over 100 postcards were sent out to citizens alerting them to the survey work being done in our communities. There were a couple of responses to the notifications. Some had concerns about access to their property, others concern of access period, and some with positive feedback. Cheri read a letter from the TAG ladies, Barbara Fowler.

Dennis C. shared that his new neighbors at 1498 Thousand Springs Road have looked into the history of their property and learned that the building used to be a stage coach stop. The building is still intact. He suggested contacting the TAG ladies to see if it could be added to the surveys.

CLG Grant: We have decided to do our National Register Grant on Sunnyside School and sent the proposal to 10 research contractors. We received 4 bids back ranging from about \$5,000 to \$12,000. Our match will be

\$3,000. None of the four contractors are familiar to anyone in our Commission. Tony will email the four bids to the members to read over and we will make the decision at the May meeting.

Billings Gym: We haven't heard any updates about the Billings Gym. Dennis C. reported that he gets called periodically with questions about the building. They are making good progress. They (Boys & Girls Club) have hired a group to clean up and do repairs. They still don't have access to part of the building from the past owner who is still storing some of his things there. Dennis C. said that the interior hasn't been historically sound in over 59 years. The plan is to open up the interior space and get it closer to the original state. Cheri said that she was still concerned about the way it was stated in the newspaper about the work planned for the interior.

New Business:

There was some discussion about our future meeting locations. It was agreed that occasionally we need to move our meetings up to the upper county, so our upper county members don't always have to make the long drive.

Dan is still voicing concern over the number of CLG's in or County. He feels 3 CLG's are too many. Brenda asked what the point was of combining our CLG's. Tony shared that we are a small county and Dan feels that we are spread very thin.

The City of Weiser now has an updated Comprehensive Plan. Thel was asked if Cambridge has a Comprehensive Plan. Tony shared that the city is trying to make our Preservation Plan a living document and not just something to sit on the shelf. He asked for volunteers to form a committee to review and make recommendations for additions to the "Special Areas and Sites" chapter of the plan which deals with historic resources. The City of Weiser doesn't have a Preservation Plan. The Planning and Zoning Committee plans to go ahead and adopt the plan now as it is and then go back and take it one section at a time and rework the plan. It needs to include a brief history of Weiser. Clarence Stark suggested using Betty Derig's "Weiser The Way it Was", for information to put this history together. Cheri and Lynda will work on this project. Tony will get them copies of the City Comprehensive Plan pages and then they can use Betty's book.

Dennis C. and Thel volunteered to begin looking at the New County Preservation Plan, the Goals and Objectives and work to keep the plan a current working plan.

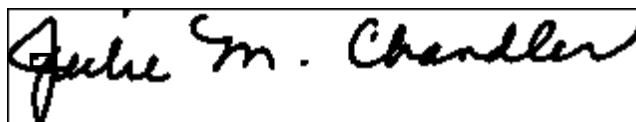
Dennis L. shared that after he and Lynda had attended a wine tour in the Homedale area, they saw another small structure that looked very much like the Eaton Depot. Dennis C. said that he will be going down that way for his band rehearsal and will check it out on the trip.

Meeting Adjourned about 6:20 p.m.

Next meeting: **Monday, May 1st**, 2023 at the Washington County Court House. Watch your emails for the meeting reminder.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Chandler, Secretary

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie M. Chandler".

