



WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

HPC Meeting Minutes – Monday, May 3rd, 2022

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Washington County Court House Commissioner's Chambers

in Weiser, Idaho

County HP Commissioners: Dave Bean, Brenda Aldrich, Tony Edmondson, Dennis Cooper

City HP Commissioners: Lynda Lance, Tony Edmondson,

Members of the public in attendance: Thel Pearson (ZOOM), Lisa McKnight, Coleen Grant, Julie Chandler. Secretary, Robert Peterson, Tech support

Minutes:

The minutes from April 4th, were presented for approval. Dave B. moved to approve the minutes and Lynda L. moved to second. Motion carried.

Old Business:

WCHPC Plan: Tony reported that after receiving some input from members, the WCHPC Plan status report was sent back in to Sherrie. Sherrie did revise her list. She added the Galloway Dam to the list as well. Tony passed out copies of the report and had those present look through what has been submitted.

He reported that he has had contact with one of the local tribes for the first time today. He has been very hopeful to have some response from the tribes, so this is good. We need their input as well on this project.

Thel asked how close are we held to County Lines? Adams County used to be part of Washington County and there are some sites it would be nice to have included.

Tony said that when it came to grant monies, we probably don't want to cross county lines. Dave B. agreed that we need to follow their lead to make sure we conform with state guidelines.

This WCHPC Plan now puts the responsibility back in our hands to make sure we open communications with our County and City Agencies...Planning and Zoning, Disaster Relief, Transportation... We need to make them aware of the Historic Context and the value of the properties and areas.

For example: How many people are not even aware that Cambridge has a museum.? Like our House Tour, maybe we need to set up a Cambridge Museum Road Trip for folks to see what our County has available.

Tony requested that we each take Sherrie's document home and study more closely to understand our role as we move forward on this project. There is a lot here and a lot to do.

Idaho Heritage Trust (IHT): Tony explained that the Idaho Heritage Trust was established after the State Centennial in 1990 and began providing funding to preserve Historic Structures. The money for the funding comes through the license plate sales. They have their own board made up of members from the various

districts in the state. We are in District 3 made up of Washington, Payette, Adams, and Gem Counties. Walt **Sledzieski** from McCall is our local representative.

UPRR Cell Towers: Tony received word from SHPO that a letter has been sent to UPRR to move forward on their plan to construct the tower on Indianhead.

Unity Bridge: Dave reported that Tim Wrightman (Lazy Bear Ranch) has invited anyone interested in joining in a discussion about the Unity Bridge to meet to discuss his plans for the section of bridge he is hoping to get. The meeting will be at the bridge at 11:00 a.m. on May 5th to hear his ideas and to discuss the matter. Anyone interested is welcome to join. (after the meeting, we learned that Calvin Hickey, another area farmer, would be interested in taking the other section of the bridge with the same purpose in mind.)

CLG Grant Projects: Tony asked those present if they had any ideas for CLG grant projects this coming year. If we have ideas, we need to get going on the grant work. He asked Thel if she had any ideas from the upper end of the County. We need to be sure the entire county is included in the proposals. Some local properties he suggested **for NR nomination** were the Ford, Nesbitt, and Paddock properties. Tony asked that we all take a look around to see if other projects come to mind.

Thel said that they are such a small community, and so many of their properties have already been included that they need to draw on the strength of the lower part of the county. Tony shared a copy of a 1994 Cambridge GLG Grant that was done on the CCC Camps in the area. It was very interesting and thorough.

There is so much information in our local museum archives that could aid in these projects. Lisa added that so much of it still needs to be inventoried and archived. Tony suggested that maybe we could write a CLG Grant to hire an archivist to go through all of that information and do some of the inventorying and archiving. With so much information, how can we coordinate it and share it with our community members.

Thel said that they have found that rather than asking folks to come to meetings, they just go to individuals with skills and abilities and ask them to help with specific projects.

Tony voiced that he feels that ultimately, we could create a county-wide repository/website where information from all of our organizations can be accessed from one place. We really need to follow through on this inter-community museum visit. Dennis C. said that as HPC County/City commissioners, we just need to get it planned, choose a date, and do it.

Main Street Opportunity: Dennis C. shared that Main Street America has been instrumental in helping communities save and restore their downtown communities. It is a powerful opportunity, but it would take buy in/commitment from our local officials and businesses. It is definitely worth looking into.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting: **Monday, June 6th at 5:00 p.m.** , at the Washington County Court House. Watch your emails for the meeting reminder.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Chandler, Secretary

