



WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

HPC Meeting Minutes – June 6, 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, Tony Edmondson, Dennis Cooper

City HP Commissioners: Dennis Lance, Lynda Lance, Tony Edmondson, Cheri Clausen

Members of the public in attendance: Coleen Grant, Thel Pearson(ZOOM), Sheri Freemuth (zoom to report on Preservation Plan progress), Jennifer(Tech support)

Minutes:

The minutes from May 3rd, 2022 needed to be approved at this meeting. Dennis L. moved to approve the minutes and Brenda moved to second. Motion carried.

Preservation Plan:

Before turning the time over to Sheri to give up an update on the Washington County Preservation Plan, Tony refreshed the Commission on what our previous assignment had been. This was to review proposed formatting (chapter titles and sequencing) and content of the preliminary draft Sheri had emailed to the Commission. He offered that Dennis Lance had reviewed the Idaho County Plan and suggested that we rename and re-sequence a couple of the chapters to be more akin to the Idaho County Plan. Tony explained he concurred with Dennis's suggestion, feeling it was plainer spoken and would appeal more to the sensibilities of elected officials and decision makers. Sheri then addressed the Commission.

Sheri- (turned on her split screen to review the document she was reading from.) Where we are in the process right now is putting all the parts and pieces together of what we have worked on from the beginning. I am not totally convinced that the order I have put things in are where they should be placed, but it can be moved around as we work through the document.

The "Prologue" is simply to state the purpose of your plan. Why we preserve? And finish it up with the ranking of agencies involved in this process.

The "How we preserve"? chapter discusses the different Agencies involved in this process. Where I really need your help is the list of CLG grants the county has completed - What you have accomplished so far? I am still missing a few of your reports and would appreciate any help you can give to fill in these blanks.

Tony- When the culvert on Highway 95 was replaced, we used that money to restore the leaded glass window in the Pythian Castle.

Sheri- That is the type of projects I'm wanting to include.

Lots of the information on this document is taken from the Surveys that were done. (*see the list of grant projects at the end of these minutes*) The majority of folks when asked where they would go for information on Historic properties, said that they would just contact a friend.

We also need to put some effort into the history of the County and the transportation history of your county.

We then go into the whole... How do we accomplish our goals? We will need to prioritize the list of things that need to be accomplished to complete this whole process.

We have some dates of deadlines of things that need to be done. They are not hammered in stone and a few of them, we are already a bit behind on. We are hoping to have a July 18th deadline to get this information all out to the public. We didn't have good attendance at our public meetings, so we hope to get this all out to the public on the website and then move forward from that.

Tony- I believe those deadlines will be workable. I did present this draft to the Wash. County Commissioners this morning at their meeting.

Sheri- We can do an executive summary. It might be helpful.

Tony- I feel that will be good to have. It would be helpful to know how we compare with other counties as far as our historic properties and information is concerned.

Sheri- You really don't have that many National Register Properties listed for your area and none are listed outside city limits.

Tony – We do actually have that item on our agenda for this year. We actually have an event scheduled for July 9th, where we could start to spread the word that this document is coming and we need input.

Cheri- We have a membership party scheduled at that time and it will include present members, prospective members, and interested public.

Thel- Will the county fair be a good way to get the information out to the public? We have our Washington County Fair the end of July 25th – 30th.

Sheri- Payette County had really good success getting information out to the public through the County Fair.

Sheri left the meeting about 5:30 p.m.

Tony- So do we all have an idea of what we need to work on. The SHPO seemed to have trouble looking through their records to find all of our GLG Grant Projects. The signs that Sheri referred to was the sign at the depot that was originally located on Highway 95 behind Joyce Strong's realty office. We also had one at Cambridge that has since disappeared.

Several of the grants listed by Sheri are grants that the SHPO just initiated and ran through our organizations.

Thel- We had a least one of the grants that SHPO initiated and completed by them. They also did some that were joint Wash. Co/Adams Co. projects.

I don't quite understand what exactly we are required to do in this whole Preservation Plan Process besides just reading through what Sherri is doing.

Tony- It is the ladies from TAG that will be doing a lot of this work, but I'm not sure exactly what our role in all of this is. We will have to pursue that question.

Cheri- I'm a little confused about the designation between City vs County.

Tony- Sheri did make the point of saying that there are no National Register Properties in the County.

Tony- SHPO has made the statement that we will not be getting any CLG grants for either the county or city unless we have a Preservation Plan for each in place, so we will have to go through this whole process again with the city. Thel, are you going to go through this whole process with Cambridge as well?

Thel- We haven't heard anything specific about going through this process. Because of our population size, we have been limited in the past to not more than \$500.00, which isn't enough money to get any outside help, so we haven't really pursued any of these grants.

Tony- If there is anything in your area, get the information to us so we can include them. The **y** timeline on CLG Grants has changed from 12 months to 24 months, so it is more realistic to be able to complete the grant process. It has also allowed them to increase the dollar amount offered.

Dennis- I would like to see the list include the Cities of Weiser and Cambridge.

Cheri- There is definitely some confusion on what we do as WAPC vs WCHPC. They kind of all seem to go under the same group.

Thel- Midvale would like to have been included in some of these projects. There are a lot of historic sites in their area that need to be documented.

Tony- In visiting with Dennis & Sandy Cooper, I learned that there was a fort in the Manns Creek area, and so many Native American sites that should be included. Thel, we need to be including anything you think of that we could also include in these grants.

In terms of what the rest of you could be working on, is that part of the Preservation Plan on the transportation section. We need to do some research into some of these areas. Look over those sections of the report that deals with transportation, and let us know of anything that we need to add to that paragraph.

Dennis- How does the city of Midvale get covered? Do they come under our County CLG?

Tony- I'll try to get through this document in the next day or so, and get back to all of you if there is more info all of you could help gather

Dave- Wouldn't it be more productive to disband the City CLG and just have the County GLC cover the whole County?

Unity Bridge:

Tony- Several of our group did meet together at the Unity Bridge to hear the ideas of Tim Wightman for the plans for the bridge.

Dave- Coleen had mentioned that Calvin Hickey is really excited about getting the other part of the bridge for his property.

Tony- Tim was curious if there was any financial help to help with the moving of that bridge.

Brenda- where Tim is a private entity, how could he have any right to any government funds to move the section of the bridge.

Thel- Have you seen what they have done with the Midvale bridge?

GLC Grant Proposals:

Tony- Would all of you please make an effort to come to our next meeting with some County Grant ideas in hand? We need to get some good ideas from our County Area that would be eligible for grant work.

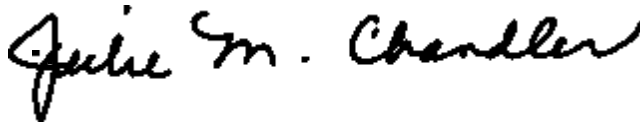
All of you look this preservation plan over, and if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, please get them to me, ASAP.

6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: **Monday**, July 11th, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.at the Washington County Court House. Watch your emails for the meeting reminder.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Chandler, Secretary



**CLG Grants recap 21st
City of Weiser/Washington County**

Grant year	Entity	Total Budget	Federal	Project Description
2001	Weiser	\$6,398.85	\$3,198.85	Historic Weiser Walking Tour Brochures
2003	Washington	\$9,913.05	\$4,850.00	Professionally prepared engineering report for structural repairs to Weiser Knights of Pythias bldg and lodge hall roof replacement.
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2004	Weiser	\$5,483.00	\$2,740.00	Weiser Knights of Pythias bldg. rear roof replacement.
2005	Weiser	\$9,200.00	\$4,596.00	Rewiring Weiser Knights of Pythias Lodge hall and removal/storage of leaded glass window.
2006	Weiser	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	National Register historic district

Reconnaissance survey by T.A.G.

2007	Weiser	\$4,930.10	\$2,465.05 \$2,500.00*	Reprint and update to 1978 book "A Look at Idaho Architecture, Weiser".
2008	Weiser	\$5,000.00		Proposal to replace broken windows in retail space, remove ceiling, rewire, and install restroom. No evidence this request was Funded.
2015	Weiser	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	National Register nomination for Intermountain Institute irrigation pump house.
2016/17	Washington	\$12,600.00	\$6,000.00	Completion of renovations at Weiser Knights of Pythias Building.
	Weiser	\$6,973.00	\$3,486.50	Reroof Intermountain Institute irrigation pump house.