

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Thursday
January 27, 2022

4:30 PM

Mayor's Conference Room
206 E Third Street

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nels Reese, Chair; Cynthia King, Jack Porter, Steve Taylor, Ali Tong
MEMBERS ABSENT: Laurabeth Landis, Renee Magee, Jared Norman
OTHERS: Sandra Kelly
STAFF: Mike Ray

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All Consent Items (ACTION ITEM)

Any item will be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any member of the Commission and that item will be considered separately later.

- A. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2021**
- B. Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2021**
- C. Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2021**

Porter moved for approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by King. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Election of Officers for 2022 (ACTION ITEM)

The Commission opted to keep the same officers for 2022: Nels Reese as Chair, Laurabeth Landis as Vice Chair, and Cynthia King as Secretary.

Porter moved to elect the 2022 Officers as nominated, seconded by Taylor. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

3. Recap of Orchid Awards Event (ACTION ITEM)

Discuss the Orchid Awards Event that occurred on November 4, 2021 at the 1912 Center.

The Commissioners talked about potential educational materials to provide for area realtors as well as a Fort Russell specific handout. The Orchid Awards event was discussed, including the success of using the 1912 Center and the layout of the Program. The Commission agreed to have the next Orchid Awards event the 1st Thursday in November, using the same location with a similar Program.

Latah County Historical Society is active on Instagram and the Commission conversed about pursuing a social media account. Proposed content was discussed, such as Orchid Award winners and information regarding the signs posted at historical buildings. Staff will research the possibility of a Commission social media account and report back.

4. Discussion regarding the use of "Fort Russell" name in proposed Woodbury Addition Planned Unit Development (ACTION ITEM)

Wintz Company LLC has obtained preliminary approval by City Council for a subdivision and Planned Unit Development (PUD) named Woodbury Addition, which is generally located north of Slonaker Drive, south of Trail Road, and east of Orchard Avenue. As part of the documents that were submitted for the preliminary PUD, the development included four types of lots, named "Village," "Cottage," "Fort Russell," and "Garden." Each lot had a lot size, lot width, setback requirements, and sample building plans specific to each type of lot. After the proposal had received preliminary approval the City was contacted by a member of the public concerned with the use of the term Fort Russell in the development. City staff subsequently reached out to Wintz Company regarding the use of the name Fort Russell, who then responded that they would choose a different name moving forward through the final PUD process. As of this date, the final PUD and plat have not been submitted to the City.

Commissioners discussed the use of "Fort Russell" in a non-Historic District. The developer's cooperation was noted and Staff will report if anything else changes.

5. Discussion regarding the Niccholls Building and Potential University of Idaho Historic District (ACTION ITEM)

Staff was recently contacted by the Idaho Heritage Trust who indicated that they have been contacted by the University of Idaho regarding the preservation of the Niccholls Building on campus. The Commission has previously had discussions with the University regarding a Historic District Nomination and it may be time to revisit the topic.

The University of Idaho has expressed interest in registering the Niccholls Building, which houses their Home Economics programs, as a historical landmark. There was discussion about the possibility of establishing an entire historic district on the University of Idaho campus. Reese will arrange a meeting with the architect Katherine Kirk about next steps.

6. 2023 Budget Request (ACTION ITEM)

The City is currently preparing the 2023 budget and the Commission will need to submit their request by the end of February.

There was discussion about the 2023 budget and the Commissioners agreed to vote on the draft request at the next meeting in February.

7. Future Interpretive Signs Locations and Content (ACTION ITEM)

Discuss the possibilities for interpretive signage in Friendship Square, Fort Russell, or other locations.

Magee will continue to work on updating the sign information.

8. Swede Town Historic District (ACTION ITEM)

Discuss whether there is any interest in pursuing a future historic district in the "Swede Town" area of the City.

Reese requested the Commissioners research Swede Town to learn more before continuing discussion on pursuing a new district.

REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reese announced the Architecture History class is resuming session with the next meeting scheduled for February 3rd and then again on Feb 24th, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM


Nels Reese, Chair