



MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

**Twin Falls Historic Preservation Committee
May 20, 2013 1:00 PM
City Council Chambers
305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, ID 83301**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sonia Alexander Darrell Buffaloe Jenni Geilman Ryan Horsley Norm Tilley Randall Watson
Vice-Chairman Chairman

PRESENT: Alexander, Buffaloe, Geilman, Tilley, Watson, Lattin

ABSENT: Horsley

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: NONE

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Strickland, Weeks

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Watson verified a quorum and began the meeting at 1:00 pm.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes from the following meeting(s): [April 15, 2013](#)

MOTION:

Commissioner Tilley made a motion to approve the consent calendar, as presented. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Jeremy Orton, Belle Pierre Idaho, LLC

Applicant Presentation;

Jeremy Orton, the applicant, reviewed exhibits on the overhead regarding his request for a certificate of appropriateness. He explained the exterior changes he would like to make to the building. He requested approval of two different door styles to be used for the entrance and showed the Commission where the building needed some exterior paint, they are not planning to change the windows however he would like to put shutters around the windows with a picture window for display. Above the window is a sign and they would like to replace it along with lights above it and some exterior lighting along the building. They would like to also have an entry sign and a sign to display hours of operation and an awning over the display window.

Discussion Followed:

Commissioner Buffaloe stated he thinks this is an excellent presentation and meets the requirements of the design guidelines.

Commissioner Tilley stated the guidelines state avoid adding details that were not part of the original building for example decorative mill work would not be appropriate for preserving the traditional character of the building. The only item this may apply to is the brackets shown in the exhibits with decorative curvature on the window boxes. It would probably be more appropriate if those brackets were simpler.

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Commissioner Geilman asked what the buildings original use was.

Planner I Weeks stated the building was built in 1915 for wholesale produce, more recently it was used by JM Kitchens for storage.

Commissioner Lattin asked if the awning being proposed would have any lettering.

Mr. Orton stated it would just be a plain black awning.

Commissioner Watson asked if a landing will be placed at the bottom of the ramps.

Mr. Orton stated yes it will have a landing to meet ADA ramps.

Commissioner ? asked if the Commission should approve both doors or give a preference.

Commissioner Tilley stated keep it simple applies with the doors as well, decorative molding would not be appropriate for maintaining the character of the warehouse.

MOTION:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness, as presented, with staff recommendations. Commissioner Tilley seconded the motion.

APPROVED, AS PRESENTED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary building permits if appropriate
2. Subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary Certificate of Appropriateness for any additional improvements and alterations to be done to the building.

MOTION:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Mr. Paul Smith to do his presentation before the remaining items of the agenda are discussed. Commissioner Geilman seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Presentation for discussion – no action at this meeting – Paul Smith, Preservation Twin Falls, LLC

Paul Smith, representing Preservation Twin Falls, owners of the Grain Elevators, and they were formed to try and increase preservation of historic buildings in the area. The Grain Elevators have had contracts with cell phone providers to use the elevators for co-location for a fee. The agreements have allowed the project to produce funds and assist in preserving the elevators, adding a park, and will eventually allow them to paint additional murals. The Preservation Twin Falls group would like to offer \$1000.00 dollar donation to the City of Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission to be used for designing and posting historic plaques around the Twin Falls area with information about the history of the site. These types of signs use to be allowed under the National Parks Service Grant that the Commission applies for annually. However, this is no longer an approved item that can be funded by the grant. The only request is that the signs be proof read by a former or current English teacher, have two sources citations listed for the facts posted on the sign, and show a picture or map or both whichever is appropriate. The Commission does not have to make a decision today, but the Preservation Twin Falls group feels the signs are important and would like to share the extra funds with the historic community.

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Geilman asked how much the signs cost.
- Mr. Smith stated the last purchase was made around 5 or 6 years ago and they were around 500.00 per sign. They are posted on metal posts, vandal proof and the cost covers the installation of the sign. Previously the process was that the picture would be picked out taken to Lytle Signs and they

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would put the picture on the computer, local historians would be asked to review the facts for authenticity and then they would discuss the final product at the Commission meeting if the Commission was satisfied with the sign they would approach the property owner and asked if they would allow the sign to be posted on their property. If everything was finalized the signs would be ordered and installed.

- Commissioner Alexander asked if there were any suggestions for sites or building.
- Mr. Smith explained that would be another responsibility of this Commission. The Preservation Twin Falls group are not interested in picking locations or buildings for the project. It has taken a long time to convince people that history is important even as young as Twin Falls may be.
- Commissioner Buffaloe stated that this could become another part of recognizing local property owners who have worked to preserve their historic building and reward them for their efforts.
- Commissioner Lattin asked if there is a list of where the current signs are located.
- Mr. Smith stated no, it has been suggested that a list be made or a brochure that would tell people where the signs are located. There are approximately 35 signs currently in the area.
- Commissioner Tilley stated these signs are very important in helping to provide history.
- Mr. Smith stated that there will be interpretive signs that the Grain Elevators will have displayed with approval of the Commission. The money is coming from the cell tower agreements and the money would be helpful for preserving the history in the community.

3. General Discussion on 2012-2013 grant project
 - Discussion of 5-year plan –Darrell Buffaloe /Randall Watson
 - Discussion of adding the other Historic Districts to the City Code for preservation –Darrell Buffaloe/Jenni Geilman

Commissioner Buffaloe stated the plan is ready to be presented to the City Council
Planner I Weeks stated she would work on putting a staff report together and let the Commission know when it is scheduled.

4. Discussion of Railroad Box Car for possible use as a museum –Ryan Horsley

This item is to be rescheduled for next agenda.

5. Discussion of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month – Jenni Geilman/Darrell Buffaloe
 - Commissioner Geilman reported that she was pleased with the attendance for the Historical Tour. She also stated that she and Commissioner Alexander did their presentation at O'leary Middle School and it was a success.
 - Commissioner Watson stated that he was pleased to hear that it was a success and has heard people express excitement about any that may be done in the future. Mr. Tremayne made it clear that the Commission should be able to do the tour in the future.
 - Commissioner Alexander stated that there were quite a few of the homes that have been preserved very well and would like the Commission to think about considering some avenue of recognition.

IV. INPUT AND/OR ITEMS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

1. Presentation for discussion – no action at this meeting – Paul Smith, Preservation Twin Falls, LLC
2. Commission Member vacancies reminder – Kelly Weeks

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Planner I reminded the Commission that as of July 1, 2013 there will be three vacancies that need to be filled. The City will advertise the positions, but asked that the Commission keep this in mind and try to recruit.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE:

Regular meeting: [Monday, June 17, 2013](#)

VI. ADJOURN MEETING:

Lisa A. Strickland
Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department