



MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

Twin Falls Historic Preservation Committee
June 17, 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 Debbie Lattin Norm Tilley Randall Watson
Vice-Chairman **Chairman**

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

ABSENT: Geilman

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): **NONE**
2. Certificate of Appreciation-Russ Tremayne
 - Chairman Watson presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation for the Historic Tour.
 - Mr. Tremayne stated he appreciates the recognition and really enjoys the cooperation between the Historic Preservation Commission and his group to provide information about Twin Falls History. This is an example of a project that could be paid for by the Idaho Humanities Grant and he would be willing to assist the Commission if necessary.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **Certificate of Appropriateness:** – Red's Trading Post, Inc., Ryan Horsley
 - Ryan Horsley, the applicant stated he is here to request a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace an existing stair case and loading dock onto the Red's Trading Post building located at 203 5th Avenue South. They would like to bring the stair case up to code and would like to construct a better ramp to help for deliveries and prevent more damage to the building from trucks backing into the building for delivery.
 - Bob Veer, the designer for the project stated this will clean up the site and will not be a change to the building but will bring the stairs up to compliance.

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Buffaloe stated it looks nice, it meeting the design guidelines and will clean up the site.
- Commissioner Tilley asked if the design has taken into consideration right-of-way requirements.
- Mr. Veer stated that has been addressed and the changes do occur within the property lines.

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Motion:

Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Stone House & Co., Adair & Karen Johnson

- Karen Johnson presented her request for a sign to be placed on the front of the building, there are two signs mounted on the front wall of the building “Catering by Karen” and the other sign will be mounted along the top of the wall on the building.

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Buffaloe asked if the signs will be lit.
- Mrs. Johnson stated that the signs may or may not be lit, the previous request was to approve the gooseneck lights, however to meet the lighting requirements they are not sure if the lights will be gooseneck or spotlights. She stated that they would like to have a sign on the back of the building that matched the front sign.
- Commissioner Horsley stated that he thinks it looks great, that he wanted to compliment the applicant for the work that has been done and all of the momentum he is seeing in this area is exciting.

Motion:

Commissioner Horsley made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented. Commissioner Lattin seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

3. Discussion of Brochures for Twin Falls School District – Sonia Alexander

- Commissioner Alexander is requesting that the Commission discuss that money is needed for the School brochures. She would like to see these created. She is going to meet with Wiley Dobbs to discuss the possibility of having some money for the brochures donated .
- Mr. Tremayne suggested that The Humanities Council may be another option for support of this project, through a grant.
- Commissioner Alexander stated that the information is available on the school district website, so the brochures would not be difficult to create.

4. Discussion of Preservation Twin Falls proposal of Historic Signage – Randall Watson

- Planner I Weeks stated that the purpose of the previous meeting was to discuss whether or not the Commission would be interested in being involved in organizing and implementing historic signage for the Twin Falls area using a donation provided by Preservation Twin Falls. A motion would be needed to accept the project.

Motion:

- Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion to support the historic sign project for the Twin Falls area with a subcommittee to keep the project on track. Commissioner Horsley seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

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Discussion Followed:

- Mr. Tremayne requested that the Commission assign a member to be a liaison for the Commission to work with the Twin Falls Preservation group on a Kiosk project that they have planned for the grain elevator property. Chairman Watson volunteered to be the liaison. He will report to the Commission how the project is progressing at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Horsley volunteered to work with The Twin Falls Preservation group on the signage project and proposed that his building be the first one to be considered. He will report to the Commission how the project is progressing at the next meeting.

5. 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

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Buffaloe introduced Wendy Rice to the Commission and invited her to give the Commission an update on the Lincoln Street Light Refurbishing Project.
- Wendy Rice stated that this has been an enlightening experience. She reviewed her summary of inventory and problems with each light and the information that needs to be submitted for the grant application. In the spring the Commission requested that the neighbors be spoken to about the lights and they are all very supportive. The grant originally selected was the Idaho Community Grant which funded up to 5000.00 which would cover the powder coating. They began looking for a more appropriate grant and have found the Idaho Heritage Trust which is a 50% matched grant that is due September 30, 2013. Heritage Trust came to Twin Falls for an on-site visit, the lights would meet the criteria for the grant. The fact that they are on the Historic Register was also a plus for securing the grant. The one issue that may hold the submittal up is the request has to include a picture of what the lights looked like when they were originally installed, but thus far she has not been able to locate an original picture of the lights. The representative for the Heritage Trust suggested that there be five bids:
 - 1) Powder coating
 - 2) Replacement of Globes (era specific)
 - 3) Removal & replacement of concrete for electrical work to be completed
 - 4) Electrical repair cost
 - 5) Tree trimming around the lights.
- In summary an original picture is still needed, a bid has been submitted for the powder coating, as for the curbing and concrete replacement a bid has not been discussed. As for the electrical cost the electrician strongly recommended that the light be reestablished on a central feed and control. The power needs to come from the street instead of cutting into the yard; he also recommended that the lights be retrofitted to LED because the long term costs would be minimal for electricity. The lights are on City property which creates a liability issue and will be a maintenance issue if they are wired to the individual houses. The representative from the Heritage Trust asked if this is going to be a preservation project or a cosmetic project. The root cause of the decline we see is because the maintenance of the lights was given to the home owners. The lights could be fixed and then neglected again because the home owner or the tenant doesn't want to maintain the light.

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- Commissioner Horsley stated that he agrees, if this were a current subdivision the light would be tied to the home but for this project and for preservation he would like to see the light maintained by the City if this is possible. There needs to be a discussion with the City Attorney about the possibility and if it became the City's responsibility it would give the City some control.
- Mrs. Rice stated there is not a home owners association that could maintain the lights but she is sure the neighbors would be willing to pay a fee to help maintain the lights. She is willing to do the work to submit for the grant but long term how the lights are going to be maintained and preserved is the big question. If the project is for preservation there will be some coordination with the City.
- Most of the project documentation has been compiled but there is a need for a few more things.
- Commissioner Horsley stated he is very impressed with this information and is really excited to get this project moving forward. He thinks the next step would be to discuss the project with the City Council. He also suggested an LID (local improvement district) for the neighborhood.
- Planner I Weeks stated she would discuss this information with the Community Development Director Humble to seek direction of how to get this project moving. She will speak to Community Development Director Humble about educating the Commission on what a LID is and how they get established.
- Commissioner Buffaloe stated that we will have three new members assigned to the Commission and requested that the 5 year plan be reviewed and discussed with the new members before it is presented to the City Council.

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

- Commissioner Horsley asked that this be removed from the agenda because there doesn't seem to be much interest in moving forward with this project. He will continue to keep trying, and keep the Commission informed on any progress that is made, but until some decisions can be made about maintaining the box car and the area there will be some concerns.

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

1. The Greenest Building DVD-Kelly Weeks
 - Commissioner Buffaloe recommended that a review of this DVD be scheduled after the new Commission members are assigned to the Commission.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE:

Regular meeting: [Monday July 15, 2013](#)

VI. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm

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