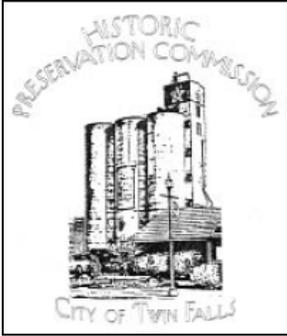


**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission  
September 21, 2015 12:00 PM  
City Council Chambers  
305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East Twin Falls, ID 83301



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Ryan Horsley   Samantha Kemp   Debbie Lattin   Ruth Pierce   Wendy Rice   Nancy Taylor   Randall Watson  
**Vice Chairman** **Chairman**

**COUNCIL LIAISON:** Jim Munn, Jr.  
**CITY STAFF:** Strickland, Weeks

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:** Horsley, Kemp, Lattin, Pierce, Rice, Taylor, Watson  
**LIAISON/STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Strickland, Weeks

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Taylor called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Minutes from the following meeting(s): **None**

**III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:**

1. Rock Canyon Amphitheater

**Discussion Followed:**

- Mark Giagos, representing the applicant, stated he is here to request a Certificate of Appropriateness for a temporary fence placed on property located at 245 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.
- Commissioner Taylor asked what the future plans are for the site and if the current fence is what will stay in place.
- Mr. Giagos explained that this fence is not going to remain in place, they would like to eventually install a permanent chain link fence on the site and possibly construct a permanent stage area for the events. Currently the fence that is in place is to prevent people from driving across the grass they have installed. They are aware that chain link with slats has been approved for other businesses in the area however they would like to plant vines along the fence line to provide screening and some curb appeal.
- Commissioner Watson suggested possibly a gray chain link would blend better.
- Mr. Giagos explained that would be something they could consider and possibly paint the fence themselves to help it blend better.
- Commissioner Lattin asked how many people the current space can accommodate.
- Mr. Giagos stated the space will hold approximately 2500 people.
- Commissioner Lattin asked about parking availability for that many people.
- Mr. Giagos explained parking studies show there is plenty of parking to accommodate 3000 cars, and that they also provide a shuttle service from the Red Lion on Blue Lakes Boulevard North if the customer stays at the hotel. They have calculated 3 people per car and have not had any parking issues.

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- Commissioner Horsley stated when this idea was first proposed he and the other businesses in the area were concerned with security, trash and crowd control and so far none have been a problem. He is in support of seeing this business continue.
- Commissioner Taylor confirmed that the reports about the events have been positive and she is in support of it continuing also. She just wants some assurance that the current fence is not the permanent plan.
- Mr. Giagos assured the Commission that once they have a final plan for the permanent fence they will provide that information to the Commission before installation.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the request for Certificate of Appropriateness for a temporary fence, as presented, with staff recommendations. Commissioner Kemp seconded the motion.

**Unanimously Approved**

2. GemStone Development, LLC

**Discussion Followed:**

- Hailey Barnes, the applicant stated she is here to request a Certificate of Appropriateness for a building they would like to construct on property located at 135 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. She explained the building will be an indoor climbing and fitness center. She showed on the overhead the elevations of the building and explained what each side of the building will look like. She explained that the wall that faces 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South will remain plain until they are able to complete phase 2 of the project. Phase 2 of the project will include the completion of an outdoor climbing wall, and a picnic area. She explained that there is not anywhere locally for people to learn rock climbing, this is untapped market in an area where there are many different rock climbing locations nearby. This has been a dream of her fathers for a long time, and she and several other people are trying to assist in making a dream come true.
- Commissioner Taylor explained that she appreciates the fact that the design guidelines were obviously used in planning the exterior design of the building.
- Commissioner Horsley stated he is very excited about this project and is very pleased with the plans for this building. He agrees there is a need for this type of activity and it will bring more people to the downtown area.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the request for Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented, with staff recommendations. Commissioner Horsley seconded the motion.

**Unanimously Approved**

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS UPDATE:

1. Idaho Certified Local Government Grant 2015 (Design Guidelines)

Commissioner Taylor confirmed that the newly proposed guidelines for the downtown and park district have been completed.

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Planner I Weeks explained she doesn't have the final set with the map corrections, but other than that they are complete. A copy needs to be sent to the Idaho Certified Local Grant Office.

### V. NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1. Idaho Certified Local Government Grant 2016

Planner I Weeks explained that the grant application for 2016 needs to be submitted by the end of this month and she needs recommendations from the Commission about what they would like to request. She asked that the Commission submit recommendations to her by Friday, September 25, 2015.

Commissioner Watson asked if design guidelines should be created for the residential area. Planner I Weeks explained that there could be guidelines developed and the consultant that did the guidelines for the downtown and park district recommended that a list of resources be created and made available to homeowners.

Commissioner Taylor explained that things like this need to be considered and recommendations need to be submitted by Friday.

### VI. INPUT AND/OR ITEMS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Planner I Weeks explained now that the design guideline draft has been completed the next step is to get the information out to the stakeholders within these districts so that the Commission can get feedback before pursuing the historic overlay district process and codification of the guidelines. She requested that the Commission think about ways to get the information out to the businesses and make plans to assist in getting feedback from the public.

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson stated that local events seem to be a great way to get the public involved. The City Planning & Zoning Department has been involved in updating the Comprehensive Plan and participated in several events. Oktober fest is the next event they plan to attend and she suggested the Historic Preservation Commission consider attending this event also.

Commissioner Taylor agreed this would be an event located in the downtown area and might be a good way to get people involved. She asked the Commissioners to consider this event and make other recommendation to staff if possible.

### VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE: Monday, October 19, 2015 at 12:00 PM

### VIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:52 pm.

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