





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

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE: [December 19, 2016 12:00 PM](#)

VIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm

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To: Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission  
From: Darrell Buffaloe  
Subject: Historic Preservation Masterplan

During the past several years I, along with some of you, have talked to members of the Twin Falls County Historical Society and the Preservation Twin Falls (Paul Smith) group, and others interested in preserving the culture and history of the Magic Valley. A common theme seems to be a common desire of historic preservation, but has many differences and objectives on how to do it. I have also observed that there are some questions on who is most responsible for historic preservation which leads to suspicion that one group may sometimes overstep some preserved bounds of responsibility.

The Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission has requested grant funds to develop a Historic Preservation Master Plan, that if funded should produce a plan that supports the preservation goals for all of Magic Valley. This means the development of the plan must have input from cities, county, and state preservationists.

If the plan is done in this way, it may very well serve as a master template for the rest of the state.

I have reviewed, and I would suggest the commission review, the master plans for other communities around the country to see the good, bad and ugly of what has been done. I have listed some very general topics as a starting point for the development of the Twin Falls (or Magic Valley) plan. These are general topics and by no means should be the final list given to the people doing the master planning. The commission and others invited to assist can use this as a starting point.

*The major decision that needs to be made first is if the master plan should cover only the City of Twin Falls or how extensive it should be.*

We are in the process of moving to St George, Utah and may be leaving very soon. However, I know the Historic Preservation Commission is the best organized and staffed as it has ever been, and with the fantastic support it receives from the City Council, this project will be a lot of fun and will produce a product that will serve preservation for many years in the future.

Thanks

Darrell

# ***(Should this be a City or County Master Plan?)***

*(Suggested Master Plan Outline starting point)*

## I. OVERVIEW

Introduction

Why Preserve?

Economic Benefits

Tourism and Placemaking Benefits

Sustainability and Community-Building Benefits

Environmental Benefits

The Process for Developing this Plan

Goals for Historic Preservation

## II. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Historic Resources Commission of Twin Falls County

Certified Local Government Program

Preserve America Community Designation

Other Local Governmental Agencies

Other Local Partners

Idaho State Historic Preservation Office

Completed Historic Resource Surveys

Federal Heritage Documentation Programs

National Historic Landmarks Program

The National Register of Historic Places

Local Historic Districts

**Issues, Opportunities, and Recommendations**

## **Future Preservation Surveys and Historic Districts (with a recommended priority of effort)**

Loss of Listed and Contributing Historic Buildings (preservation of the history)

Conflicting Uses on Historic District Edges

Conflicting Public Policies and Practices Twin Falls

Operation of the Historic Preservation Commission and County Historical Society

### III. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

Why Reach Out?

Understanding And Preserving Twin Falls County's Heritage

Building Public Appreciation and Encouraging Heritage Tourism

Public Historic Preservation Education System

### IV. HISTORIC TAX CREDITS