

Grass Valley Historical Commission

Minutes of Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Commissioners Present: Reilly, Albrecht and Poston

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Albrecht at 3:00 pm

Approval of the September 9, 2025 minutes, with date correction, (it submitted as August 12, 2025), Comm. Poston moved and Reilly seconded the approval motion. Unanimously adopted.

Public Comment: None

Discussion on Agenda items:

WALKING TOURS - September Walking Tour was a success, 25 to 28 people attended and we collected \$70. in donations. No Walking Tour took place in October. May through September Walking Tours raised \$1,341. towards the Historic Banner fundraising initiative.

LAKE OLYMPIA - Comm. McAteer and Comm. Albrecht had a lunch meeting with two City Council members in September. It was reported the meetings that have taken place regarding Lake Olympia were positive and more meetings are planned to work through next steps.

WALSH MILL/FIREHOUSE - Comm. Poston provided all required text and plaque specifications for the Walsh Mill and Firehouse recognition to staff, (Amy). Pricing bids will be collected and presented to the City Council in November to approve and identify a source of funding.

HISTORIC BANNERS - Comm's Poston, Albrecht and Reilly reviewed the list of names and places for the banners, no changes were made. We have 27 banners identified and there are 32 light standards we will fill in with other Historical marketing banners. Next step is to collect high-resolution photographs; Amanada provided a sample layout for consideration. The criteria for banner selection:

- Lived in Grass Valley and made a significant contribution
- Priority #1 Buildings
- Diversity
- Recommendations from Gage McKinney
- Input from public (Jeanie?)

CITIZEN STAR – Comm. Poston will send the proposed text to Comm's Reilly and Albrecht for final review and input. The final version will accompany the documents for quarterly update to the City Council on October 28, 2025

WALKING TOUR – Comm's Poston and Reilly went on Nevada City's walking tour. They suggest further collaboration with Lisa and Rose to add 'stories' using audio to complement the platforms we are providing.

DRAFT QUARTERLY REPORT – Comm’s reviewed and discussed the talking points presented by Comm. Albrecht, all edits, additions and deletions will be applied. The report will be organized by Progress, Plans and Closing statements. The quarterly report will be presented on October 28, 2025. Comm. Albrecht will see that staff receives all of the documents a week ahead of the meeting.

This is Comm. Albrecht’s last meeting; I thank my fellow commissioners for their unwavering efforts towards preserving the history of Grass Valley. It has been an honor and pleasure to work alongside each of you.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 18, 2025