

Grass Valley Historical Commission

Minutes of Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Commissioners Present: Albrecht, McAteer, Poston, and Reilly

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Poston at 4:00 pm

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter commented on conditions at Memorial Park

Commission approved the minutes of February 13, 2024

Commission approved appointment of Terry McAteer as Chair, Dyane Albrecht as Vice Chair and Mark Reilly as liaison to the Design Review Committee

Staff and Commission reviewed the Historical Commission Policy Document. Of note:

The Commission requested staff bring to the City Council our request to start future meetings at 3:00 pm as noted in the Policy Document.

Commissioners also agreed that a number of future meeting should start at 3:00 pm and oftentimes at 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm be off-site visiting a historical site.

Chair McAteer, per the Policy Document, will provide City Council a quarterly update in October. Staff was requested to place item on their October 8th agenda.

Clerk Taylor Day will request of Commissioners agenda items two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting and Chair McAteer noted he will monthly provide agenda items to Clerk Day agreed upon by Commissioners at their previous meeting.

The Commission then discussed upcoming projects and activities:

Chair McAteer recognized Jerry Martini from the Nevada County Landmarks Commission and noted that the two Commissions need to jointly meet and work more cooperatively. Mr. Martini and McAteer will work on a date for such a meeting.

Commissioner Poston would like historical designation and a plaque for the Old Firehouse on East Main Street along with a plaque on the Mill Street Parking Lot. She and Mr. Martini will work on wording and present at the September meeting.

Commissioner Albrecht expressed interest in field trips to Truckee and Loomis to see their walking tours. She also requested more information on Measure E and how the historic sites in the City might access those funds. Chair McAteer will request such an item for the September meeting.

Commissioner Reilly expressed interest in the City placing kiosks in park and other facilities for community events and walking tour information. He also would like to explore a more collaborative approach to the GV Historic Guidelines and the City's Design Guidelines. This item will be further investigated at the October meeting.

Commissioners agreed to have the two historic plaques along with a Measure E presentation at their September meeting of which Vice Chair Albrecht will chair. They also agreed for field trips to: Memorial Park in October and St. Joseph's Cultural Center in November. The Commission will also hear from staff regarding City Council's action on moving their meetings to 3:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 10th at 4 pm.