

Grass Valley Historical Commission

Minutes of Tuesday, June 10th, 2025

Commissioners Present: Albrecht, McAteer, Reilly and Poston

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

Approval of the May 13th minutes: Poston moved and Reilly seconded. Unanimously adopted. Commissioner Albrecht was curious about the fate of past architectural items before the Commission and she will report back after finding out from staff.

Public Comment: Kevin Krukorian spoke about his E Clampus Vitus local chapter getting involved in helping to resurrect Lake Olympia into a public park.

Action Item: The Commission approved the wording of the Narrow Gauge Railroad Trestle plaque; Moved by Poston and seconded by Albrecht— approved unanimously. Commissioner Albrecht also agreed to formulate the trestle's application for submittal to the City Council and then the County Landmark Commission. Public comment from Matthew Coulter who is concerned about the destruction taking place at Loma Rica and the threat to the trestle.

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair: Commissioner Poston nominated Commissioner McAteer to remain as chair and Commissioner Albrecht to remain as Vice Chair. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion— approved unanimously.

Discussion portion of the agenda:

1. Chair McAteer discussed his recent appearance before City Council which included a request from Council to place our tour under the City's insurance policy.
2. McAteer and Poston discussed the Levine recognition to be held on July 21st at 4:30 pm with a reception following the unveiling at Foothill Flowers.
3. Commissioners reviewed the people and places to be placed on the downtown banners. Staff Member Miranda Bacon noted the vinyl nature of the banner and the costs. Commissioners agreed to spend time at an upcoming meeting to narrow down the selection.
4. Commissioners discussed the establishment of a History Day of open museums and buildings in the downtown area. More discussion will occur at next meeting.
5. Poston noted that the Eagle Co. was approved by the Landmarks Commission and is waiting on confirmation of the Walsh Mill. She is worried how the bronze plaque will be afforded.
6. Albrecht displayed the reprinting of the Heritage Homes booklet and will meet with City staff, the Chamber and Bookseller to begin selling the booklet.
7. Reilly noted that he is continuing to work on the walking tour and is in need of some old time photos. Miranda Bacon is assisting on the data entry and will insert photos when provided. Poston agreed to work with the History Library staff to investigate specific photos of buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, July 8th at 3 pm.