

Grass Valley Historical Commission

Minutes of Tuesday May 13, 2025

Commissioners Present: Savelli, Albrecht, McAteer, Reilly and Poston

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

Approval of the April 9, 2025 minutes: Moved by Poston, second by Albrecht; Unanimously Adopted

Public Comment: Mr. Sec, former owner of Lake Olympia, appeared to invite Commissioners to his June 1st tour of the lake area.

Action Item #1: The Commission recommended that the window replacement be approved with a suggestion that two of the windows in the front area be casement with a faux wooden bar to keep the double hung style and two be double hung for the residence located at 514 West Main St.

Action Item #2: The Commission recommended that the garage/carriage house structure located behind the home located at 603 West Main St. be allowed to be demolished. The Commission appreciated that owner was planning to reconstruct a new housing unit in a similar salt box style.

Action Item #3: The Commission approved passing along a recommend for approval to the City Council a historic designation of the Narrow Gauge Railroad Trestle along Olympia Creek. Bruce Boyd was thanks for his work on the project and agreed to provide a first draft of the bronze plaque.

Discussion Items:

1. Quarterly lunch with Council Members Caravelli and Arbuckle. Commissioners McAteer and Albrecht toured the Council members of the former Lake Olympia site.
2. Historic Walking Tours: Chair McAteer reported that another large turnout of 75 turned out and that people at the end of the tour donated \$239 toward history banners. More tours are planned. Council Caravelli suggested at the luncheon that the tours be covered under City Insurance that Chair McAteer plans to address at the council meeting.
3. Levine Recognition: Fundraising for the bronze star is complete. The item will be an action item on the June 10th Council agenda and we are currently planning the unveiling/celebration on Monday, July 14th (Howard's birthday) with a reception on at Foothill Flowers. The Commission handed in \$1050 to the City— \$200 from Greg Savelli, \$100 from Dyanne Albrecht, \$100 from Howard Brown, \$100 from Bob Branstrom, \$100 from Mary Taft, \$200 from Gage McKinney and \$250 Sue Pearson.
4. Heritage Homes: Booklets are in production and should be ready by the next meeting.
5. Eagle Fire Hose Designation: The Nevada County Landmark Commission has approved the Countywide designation. Commissioner Poston will look into the cost of a bronze plaque.
6. Grass Valley Annual Historic Award: A donor has been found for the award plaque. Chair McAteer will ask for the Council to accept the plaque and accept the nomination of Teresa Poston.
7. Walking Tours Brochure: Commissioner Reilly will have items to provide City staff for some inputting into the Storymaps software. Commissioners agreed to provide Reilly edits and direction on the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm by Chair McAteer. The next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 10th.