



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

<u> x </u> Blaine Johnston, President	<u> x </u> Jody Ault, Vice President (4:36pm arrival)
<u> x </u> Pam Jagosh (4:43pm arrival)	<u> x </u> Destinie Hart
<u> </u> Jack Keller	<u> x </u> Debra Pitts
<u> x </u> Patrick Gittings	

City staff present were Arts and Culture Coordinator, Cassandra Schiffler and City Attorney, Bill Nary.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. Pitts made motion to adopt agenda, seconded by D. Hart

All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

1. **Approve:** Minutes from 7-27-23 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

P. Gittings made motion to approve minutes, seconded by D. Hart

All ayes

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [ACTION ITEM]

2. **Approve:** Monthly Financial Statement

C. Schiffler noted the only new item is the \$53 nomination fee for the Orchid Award but next month expecting two payments for large projects being completed.

D. Pitts made motion to approve the monthly financial statements, seconded by D. Hart

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]

- 3. Presentation:** Potential Partnership with Children's Museum of Idaho for Proposed Historic Display Expansion ~ *Amy Costello, Development Advisor, Children's Museum of Idaho*

Presentation give by A. Costello, Development Advisor for the Children's Museum of Idaho. A. Costello is putting together an Idaho Humanities Council grant application for funds to expand the Museum's current 1890s log cabin exhibit. The new exhibit will be an interactive, play-based, and educational Immigrant Heritage Exhibit with plans to include a covered wagon and exhibits that tell stories of a day in the life of an immigrant child based upon the various people groups that have come to Idaho. The Children's Museum is not asking the Commission for funding but would like to be able to list the Commission as a partner in the application and work with the Commission as subject-matter experts on the enhanced exhibit.

B. Johnston provided names of potential contacts/resources for A. Costello.

OLD BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]

B. Johnston confirmed no new business to discuss.

REPORTS [ACTION ITEM]

- 4. Update:** RFP for an Updated Historic Preservation Plan for Meridian ~ *Patrick Gittings, HPC Commissioner*

B. Johnston appointed P. Gittings as Chair of the subcommittee working to update the City's Historic Preservation Plan.

P. Gittings stated input from all Commissioners will be requested via an online survey and results will guide the creation of the RFP to find a consultant to update the Historic Preservation Plan. P. Gittings encouraged Commissioners to submit survey questions to him. The survey will be sent out within the next few days and results will be due before the next subcommittee meeting on September 8.

C. Schiffler confirmed Commissioners can review the sample RFPs by viewing the 8/23/2023 Subcommittee meeting agenda packet.

- 5. Presentation and Report:** TAG Reconnaissance Survey of North Main Street to Cherry / Fairview Avenue Properties ~ *Barbara Bauer, TAG Research and Consulting*

C. Schiffler stated there is a letter attached to the meeting packet and B. Bauer will be here next month to provide a project update.

- 6. Project Updates:** Eggers Farmstead (Black Cat Development) and HullFilm Virtual Tour Project, Speedway Nomination to the Historic Registry

B. Johnston stated no update on the Eggers Farmstead but confirmed he will reach out to the developers again and will connect the developers with B. Bauer for assistance with historical signage. B. Johnston stated he is pleased with the HullFilm virtual tour of the Eggers Farmstead and C. Schiffler also stated HullFilm did a great job with this project but she did request that the restroom be added to

the tour since it has historical significance, but after this addition the project will be complete.

B. Johnston stated there is no update on the Speedway Nomination but will continue to follow-up with the State Historic Preservation Office.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS / DISCUSSION

B. Johnston and C. Schiffler confirmed that B. Bauer will give a historical walking tour of Downtown Meridian on September 16 as part of the City's annual Art Week and the cost is \$3 per person.

NEXT MEETING: September 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

D. Pitts made motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Gittings

All ayes