



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

To join the meeting online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86747743729>

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ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blaine Johnston, President	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler J. Ricks	<input type="checkbox"/> Destinie Hart
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Jody Ault
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Keller	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

T. Ricks made motion to adopt agenda, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

1. Approve Minutes from December 02, 2021

T. Ricks made motion to approve minutes, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [ACTION ITEM]

2. Approve Monthly Financial Statement

T. Ricks made motion to approve the monthly financial statements, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]

3. 2022 Historic Preservation Commission President and Vice President Elections

B. Johnston noted per City Code the Commission needs to elect a President and a Vice President for 2022 and he opened the floor for nominations.

T. Ricks made motion to nominate B. Johnston for the position of Commission President, seconded by J. Keller. The motion was passed with all ayes.

B. Johnston made motion to nominate D. Hart for the position of Commission Vice President, seconded by T. Ricks. The motion was passed with all ayes.

4. Welcome New Arts and Culture Coordinator, Cassandra Schiffler

B. Johnston welcomed the City's new Arts & Culture Coordinator, C. Schiffler.

C. Schiffler introduced herself as a third generation Idahoan who attended the College of Idaho and has a degree in English and Art and 36 credits toward a Masters in Fine Art from Boise State. C. Schiffler noted that most recently she had a personal property appraisal business in fine art but has left this to work for the City of Meridian.

5. Request for Help from Meridian Library District in Deaccessioning Objects from Historical Society Collection

Presentation given by J. Su, District Support Services Manager for the Meridian Library and N. Grove, Manager of the unBound Branch of the Meridian Library.

J. Su stated his department oversees the deaccession and cataloguing of the Historical Center's collection in to the care of the Meridian Library.

N. Grove stated he is helping with different pieces of the History Center project and will be the incoming Assistant Director at the Library.

B. Johnston requested clarification from J. Su and N. Grove as to what exactly they are requesting from the Historic Preservation Committee.

J. Su stated that the request is two-part:

- Helping rehome items the Library has determined they have no use for, such as "Traveler" the paper mâché horse (see attached list of items)
- Consider providing a small stipend (\$400/month) to help the Meridian Library cover the cost of archival materials

B. Johnston asked B. Nary if L. Hill should be contacted for input on the list of items to deaccession.

N. Grove confirmed the Library has been in contact and working closely with L. Hill who has given permission to donate items that came from her family.

B. Nary asked if L. Hill had provided any ideas about organizations or entities where these items might re-homed. B. Nary suggested creating a sub-group consisting of someone from the Library District, C. Schiffler, someone from the Mayor's Office, someone from the Historic Preservation Committee, and himself to come up with ideas on how to communicate these items' availability to the public.

B. Nary also stated needed communication with the City's Parks and Recreation Department because there may be a desire for some of these items to be displayed in a future Community Center.

C. Schiffler stated that if the Commission thinks it is appropriate, the Commission's social media could be used to help re-home items.

T. Ricks stated he didn't see an issue using the Commission's social media to assist in the re-homing of items.

N. Grove stated that ideally the items would stay in Meridian but entities outside Meridian could be contacted.

N. Grove stated that if items are moved to storage prior to re-homing, the right preservation environment must be in place. N. Grove noted that in order to properly preserve items that are currently in City Hall basement storage more room is needed so it is not ideal to store additional items down in the basement storage area.

B. Nary confirmed that in the past the Commission has partnered with the Historical Society to provide archival supplies.

B. Johnston stated the Commission will need to review the budget to determine what funds might be able to assist in this process.

J. Su stated that Library intends to be the main point of contact for moving re-homed items and intends to try to avoid any additional costs to the City or the Library.

B. Johnston requested that B. Nary and/or C. Schiffler set up a sub-committee meeting with those identified by B. Nary to further discuss the list of items needing to be re-homed.

REPORTS [ACTION ITEM]

6. Update: Meridian Speedway Nomination to the National Registry of Historic Places

B. Johnston stated he reached out to TAG Historical Research (TAG) for an update and they had to reformat the original survey report to meet the nomination form standards and add some additional information requested by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). B. Johnston outlined the remainder of the nomination process:

- TAG will send updated nomination to SHPO and will provide a copy to the Commission
- SHPO will review draft and suggest any edits, if needed
- SHPO will send finalized draft to the Idaho Historic Site Survey Review Board for review at their June Board Meeting
- Upon approval, the Idaho Historic Site Survey Review Board will send the nomination to the National Parks Service for review
- The National Parks Services will review and make final decision in October
- Nominations are officially approved in November

7. Update: Social Media Content

B. Johnston thanked T. Ricks for his work on the Commission's social media campaign and requested that Commission members like and share posted content.

B. Johnston stated that May is Preservation Month so the Commission will need to do a concentrated effort for this and encouraged Commission members to continue to send social media post ideas and suggestions to C. Schiffler, himself and/or T. Ricks.

8. Update on Commissioner Member Statuses, Resignations, Open Seats, Interviews

B. Johnston stated that Commissioner J. Evarts and Commissioner D. Lusignan have resigned their seats but there are two candidates that both the Mayor and B. Johnston like so pending City Council approval in February, these candidates will be new Commissioners at February Commission meeting.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS / DISCUSSION

9. Planning: May 2022 Preservation Month Activities

B. Johnston confirmed with SHPO their theme this year is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the passage of the 1872 Mining Act and construction of the U.S. Assay Office in Boise. B. Johnston stated that C. Schiffler suggested maybe having an outdoor mining demonstration in City Hall Plaza.

NEXT MEETING: February 24, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

T. Ricks made motion to adjourn, seconded by J. Keller

All ayes